

Celebrating 75 years of Conservation 1948—2023



2023 Annual Report

Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District

Mission Statement

To serve the residents of Freeborn County by creating an awareness of soil and water resource concerns, by offering practical alternatives to manage these concerns, and by providing technical assistance (as local resources allow) to apply and maintain best management practices (BMPs) that impact water quality while sustaining soil productivity and land-user profits.



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Site visits to establish resource concerns, creation of engineering plans, structure layout, and supervision of construction of conservation practices. The most common practices include grassed waterways, water and sediment control basins, and grade stabilization structures.
- Implementation of the State Cost-Share Program. This includes visiting with landowners & producers to establish goals, assisting in application to the program, design of practices/structures, record keeping of activities, and site visits of current and past contracts to ensure proper installation/maintenance of the practice/structure.
- Management of the ReInvest in Minnesota (RIM) Easement Program. This includes outreach, new enrollments into the program, and site monitoring to ensure proper maintenance of easements.
- Administration of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Easement Program. This includes outreach, new enrollments into the program, and site monitoring to ensure proper maintenance of easements.
- Implementation of the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). This includes educational outreach, assisting with the application process and maintaining current certifications.
- Implementation of One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) for the major watersheds within the county. This includes participating in planning, advisory, policy meetings, and the education and implementation of conservation practices to reach the goals of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans.
- Management of the Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District No-Till Drill Program. This includes coordination with landowners for scheduling, delivery and pick-up.
- Implements an annual Tree Sale to provide quality, affordable trees for conservation purposes to residents of Freeborn County.
- Farmstead and Field Windbreak design, species selection, on-site layout, and planting equipment rental.
- Educate landowners/producers on the Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Loan Program. These funds are made available through the State Revolving Fund and are administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture through local financial institutions.
- Assisting landowners with compliance issues with the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), which was passed in 1991. This may include reviewing maps to determine potential applicability of the Act or discussing alternatives in cooperation with the LGU and Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) Membership. Also, assistance with the Minnesota Soil Loss Ordinance.
- Conservation compliance planning and assistance with other aspects of the current Farm Bill.
- Assisting and working cooperatively with various conservation partners. This includes, but is not limited to: the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR), Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), local Watershed Districts (WDs), Freeborn County Environmental Services, and other Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD).
- Conservation education projects, demonstrations, and workshops.
- Participates in the Local Workgroup for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).
- Partnership with local producers and conservation partners through the Freeborn Area Soil Health Team.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Looking back on 2023, we had a couple of major milestones, the first was the 75th anniversary of our SWCDs formation in 1948, after the dust bowl era. We celebrated on September 14th by inviting Freeborn County citizens to a bus tour that highlighted conservation practices in north-east Freeborn County put in place by the Freeborn SWCD that included: a grassed waterway, cover crops, a grade stabilization structure, a water retention project, wetland restorations, and a well sealing. We ended the tour at the Three Oak Winery for some great food provided by Erin’s Street Bistro food truck and socializing where staff and supervisors were able to answer any questions the public had.

Attendees enjoyed it so much they would like us to continue to hold events like this in the future. We want to thank, Three Oak Winery for the beautiful venue to host our celebration. Another major milestone was one that we have been working toward for several years, legislators saw the value in conservation districts across the state by granting a stable funding source. This will help tremendously as we can now focus more on projects, acquiring, retaining, and training quality staff to carry out our mission to get more conservation practices on the ground rather than trying to nail down grant funding just to keep the district running smoothly. Thank you, legislators!

Our district continues to be an active partner in the One Watershed One Plan planning effort. We currently have two (2) completed plans, one is the Cedar/Wapsipinicon watersheds, and the other is Shell Rock/ Winnebago watersheds. These two plans alone this year have put an extra \$75,000+ worth of conservation on the ground in Freeborn County that was not possible before. This planning effort includes participation from SWCD staff and supervisors, county staff and commissioners, and watershed district staff and board of managers. Freeborn County is unique as we have six (6) watersheds in our county. When finished we will have four (4) plans complete. That will mean a lot more work for us, but we are excited to see what we can accomplish.

On behalf of our SWCD Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank all the local agencies, organizations, other local units of government and individuals that work in cooperation with us to deliver conservation programs and “put conservation on the land.” They include the following but not limited to:



Landowners & Producers	Blue Earth SWCD, Dodge SWCD, Faribault SWCD, Jackson SWCD
Freeborn County Board of Commissioners	Martin SWCD, Mower SWCD, Rice SWCD, Steele SWCD, Waseca SWCD
Freeborn County Environmental Services	Cedar River Watershed District, Shell Rock River Watershed District
Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR)	Turtle Creek Watershed District
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA)
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), MN Dept. of Ag (MDA)
SE Area 7 Tech Support Joint Powers Board (TSA)	MN DNR, US Fish & Wildlife, Pheasants Forever
Freeborn Area Soil Health Team	

We hereby submit the following Annual Report of Freeborn County Soil and Water Conservation Activities for calendar year 2023.

Christopher Dahl, Chairman

Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor Nomination Districts



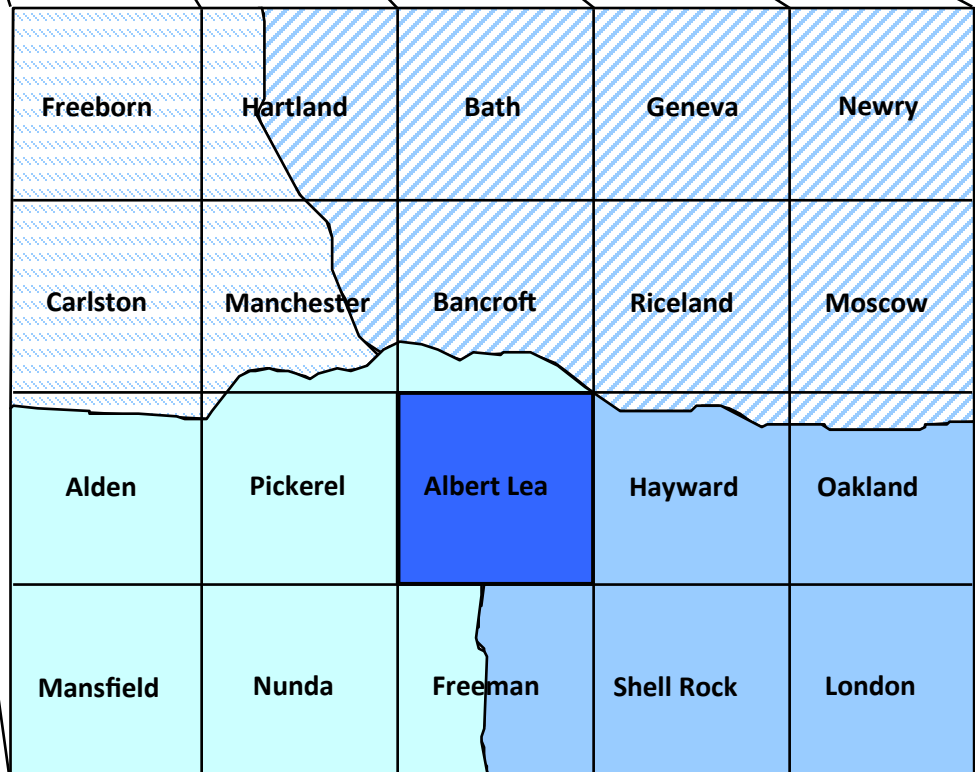
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Area 19 Team Lead



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Stuart Veith, Area Resource Soil Scientist

Charlie Blackburn, Civil Engineering Technician

Matthew Baltés, GIS Specialist

April Sullivan, Area Program Specialist

Terrance Rowe, ITS

Penelope Peters, Area Administration Coordinator

2023 Highlights

2023 Outstanding Conservationists

On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, Robert & Darlane Muilenburg were honored at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Convention and Tradeshow in Bloomington, MN.

The Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to recognize Robert & Darlane Muilenburg of Hollandale, MN as their 2023 Outstanding Conservationists.

The Muilenburg's are second generation vegetable farmers and have grown corn, soybeans, sweetcorn, carrots, onions, potatoes, and peas throughout their operation. From years of farming mainly peat soils, Bob understands the importance of keeping soil in its place and has implemented cover crops with his vegetables for over 30 years.

Our outstanding conservationists have enrolled in numerous conservation easements, most recently a large CREP Easement which significantly increased floodwater storage adjacent to Geneva Lake. During heavy rain events, water can enter the easement from the adjacent county ditch where it is stored, filtering out sediment and nutrients, before slowly releasing back into the public system. Other conservation work the Muilenburg's have implemented are water and sediment control structures, waterways, filter-strips, reduced tillage, prescribed burns, brush management, food plots, CRP, and participation in the annual SWCD tree sale.



Robert & Darlane Muilenburg on their restored land.

2023 Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol

On March 8, 2023, Freeborn County SWCD supervisors Dave Ausen and Curt Helland, SWCD Manager Brenda Lageson, and Private Lands Biologist Chad Billat attended the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts legislative briefing.

The day following the legislative briefing we were able to meet with local Representative Mueller and Senator Dornink. We shared our local SWCD annual and accomplishment reports with the Representative and Senator to highlight the work we do at the local level. The number one priority this visit was again advocating for SWCD funding as a standing, statutory general fund appropriation through the Department of Revenue. SWCDs were seeking \$22 Million per year to help put more conservation on the ground to progress in meeting goals of clean water and healthy soils. "This funding would boost SWCD capacity, enhance SWCDs' ability to hire and retain qualified, credentialed employees, and increase our pace of progress toward clean water and healthy soil goals. It would increase our ability to leverage federal conservation program dollars and allow SWCDs the ability to plan for the future."

State Cost Share Program

Landowners were paid a total of \$84,302.08 in State-Cost Share dollars in calendar year 2023. Practices installed include Grassed Waterways (1), Cover Crop Contracts (12), and Well Sealings (8). This includes Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF).



Cover crops in a corn field.

Annual Tree Sale

The Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District's annual tree program provides local, urban, and rural landowners an opportunity to obtain good quality trees at an affordable price. The SWCD offers 20+ species of trees that are suited for conservation practices such as shelterbelts and wildlife plantings. Along with trees, the SWCD offers native plant packs, tree mats, fertilizer, and tree tubes to help increase planting success. For large shelterbelts or windbreak plantings, the SWCD has a tree planter available for rent. The SWCD offers landowners planning assistance that includes site specific tree species recommendations, spacing recommendations, and maintenance advice.

Freeborn SWCD sold 13,465 trees and shrubs in 2023, this in an increase of 4,796 trees from 2022. The SWCD sold many bare root and potted trees, which included both evergreen and deciduous. For a second year in a row we offered Minnesota Native Landscapes Plant Packs and sold a total of 36 packs. The packs consists of 36 plants containing 6 different species. Each of the trees and plants sold will provide financial, aesthetic, wildlife, soil, water, and air quality benefits for years to come. Trees were delivered to the Freeborn County Fairgrounds, packaged, and made available for pick up the week of April 24th-28th, 2023.



Staff left to right: Mark Trnka, Lindsey Zeitler, Chad Billat, Senja Viktora.



Bundles of bare root trees & shrubs.



Trnka & Zeitler bundling customer orders.

75th Anniversary Event



Attendees in line for Erin's Street Bistro Food Truck.



Left to right: Dave Ausen, Chris Dahl, Senja Viktora, Brenda Lageson, Vickie Heers, Mark Trnka, Curt Helland.

On Thursday, September 14th, 2023 the Freeborn County SWCD hosted an event for our 75th anniversary. Sixty-four landowners, farmers, and residents of Freeborn County met at the Three Oak Vineyard & Winery for a bus tour starting at 4:00 pm. The bus toured through rural north-east Freeborn County and highlighted conservation practices installed with the help of the Freeborn SWCD.

The bus then returned to Three Oak Vineyard & Winery near 6 o'clock pm for supper from Erin's Street Bistro Food Truck. Paninis, tots and strawberry lemonade were provided for attendees curtesy of the Freeborn SWCD. Wine was available for individual purchase from the winery.

Freeborn SWCD Supervisors & Staff engaged attendees in informal conversations throughout the event, helping to build relationships and providing information related to the SWCD. Guests were able

to take home promotional items that included stickers, chip clips and lip balm.

Volunteer Rain Gauge Network

2023 FREEBORN Monthly Precipitation, Totals

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24	101N	19W	35		SWCD				1.95	3.42	1.76	2.21	1.68	3.12	4.46						12.19
24	101N	20W	17		SWCD	2.38	2.38	1.46	2.05	3.42	1.16	1.71	1.26	3.39	5.16	.19	1.46			26.02	10.94
24	101N	23W	8		SWCD	1.91	2.56	1.16	2.12	3.44	2.38	1.85	2.50	2.95	2.91	.17	1.55	23.26	24.58	25.50	13.12
24	102N	19W	25		SWCD				4.33	1.15	1.73	1.28	3.61								12.10
24	102N	21W	16	ALBERT L	NWS	1.80	2.27	1.10	2.20	2.33	1.41	1.28	1.64	2.15	4.64	.11	1.37	17.75	18.81	22.30	8.81
24	102N	21W	16		SWCD	.80	2.15	1.33	2.09	3.29	1.34	1.67	1.62	2.20	5.55	.02	.95	18.69	19.61	23.01	10.12
24	102N	21W	16		SWCD	1.23	1.47	.71	1.75	2.36	1.38	1.60	1.50	1.94	3.56	.10	1.36	15.63	16.37	18.96	8.78
24	102N	21W	17		SWCD	1.48	3.06	1.76	2.38	2.91	1.61	1.62	1.58	1.99	4.96	.10		21.56	22.19		9.71
24	102N	22W	10		SWCD				1.75	3.80	1.55	1.90	2.75	2.85	3.80						12.85
24	102N	23W	31		SWCD		1.63	1.30	1.94	4.24	2.01	2.02	2.92	2.62	1.14						13.81
24	102N	23W	36		SWCD	1.84	2.37	1.27	2.00	2.70	2.01	1.62	2.76	2.55	3.22	.04	1.52	21.88	22.63	23.90	11.64
24	103N	19W	1		SWCD				1.97	3.92	.87	1.31	1.51	3.88	3.62						11.49
24	104N	22W	5		SWCD				1.66	7.85	2.80	1.32	2.47	2.30	4.89						16.74
24	104N	22W	9		SWCD	1.86	2.00		1.56	6.32	2.05	1.83	2.49	2.44	4.33	.07	2.08				15.13
24	104N	22W	35		SWCD				1.54	4.29	2.02	1.20	2.92	2.53							12.96
24	104N	23W	36		SWCD			*	1.49	3.98	2.09	1.79	2.53	1.57	3.46						11.96
county averages						1.66	2.21	1.26	1.90	3.91	1.72	1.67	2.09	2.63	3.98	.10	1.47	19.80	20.70	23.28	12.02
# of obs						8	9	8	15	16	16	16	16	16	14	8	7	6	6	6	16

The State Climatology Network helps sponsor our local rain gauge reporting program. We have 16 dedicated volunteers that take daily rain totals, tally them up, and send them in to our office. Our staff then records these totals on the State Climatology web site. <https://climateapps.dnr.state.mn.us/hidenannual/>

Freeborn Area Soil Health Team

The Freeborn Area Soil Health Team is an active soil health promotional group consisting of agency professionals, ag businesses, local farmers, banks, and other ag professionals with interest in soil health. The team’s goal is to facilitate local collaboration that encourages, educates, and demonstrates how to improve our soil health and water quality while improving productivity, profitability, and sustainability of our natural resources.



Jay Fuhrer speaking to the crowd at the February event.

2023 was a very active year for our area pertaining to soil health educational events. In February of 2023, the soil health team partnered with many surrounding SWCDs on the HWY-14 soil health tour in Owatonna, where Jay Fuhrer and Jason Stoll were able to speak to around 120 attendees. The event was held at Torey’s Restaurant. Then for the rest of the year, there were many other like organizations that were holding field days and events where we wanted to focus on advertising for those events and getting attendees to those events because the soil health team did not hold their own event. The team began planning for the 2024 HWY-14 soil health tour instead.

Southeast Envirothon

The 2023 Southeast Area Envirothon took place on May 3rd at the Byron Sportsman and Conservation Club near Byron, MN. There were 11 high school teams and five junior high teams that competed. For high school Goodhue-White received 1st place, Goodhue-Black received 2nd place, & Gophers 1 received 3rd. For junior high Goodhue 8th B received 1st place, Goodhue Middle A received 2nd place and Goodhue 8th-A received 3rd place. The top three high school teams advanced to the state competition held in Fergus Falls, MN on May 15th, 2023.



Goodhue-White Team: 1st place for HS.

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA)

The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) is a joint powers organization consisting of ten Counties and SWCDs in the Blue Earth, Le Sueur, and Watonwan River Watersheds. GBERBA helps facilitate the sharing of ideas among local government units (LGUs) through technical meetings, policy meetings, and guest speakers.

GBERBA has continued to be a valuable organization for applying and receiving grants that the Freeborn SWCD and landowners can utilize for conservation projects. SWCD staff work with landowners in the GBERBA area to identify potential conservation issues and work towards solutions. Proposed solutions may use GBERBA cost share funds to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as grade stabilization structures, grassed waterways, and cover crops.



GBERBA Watershed & County Coverage

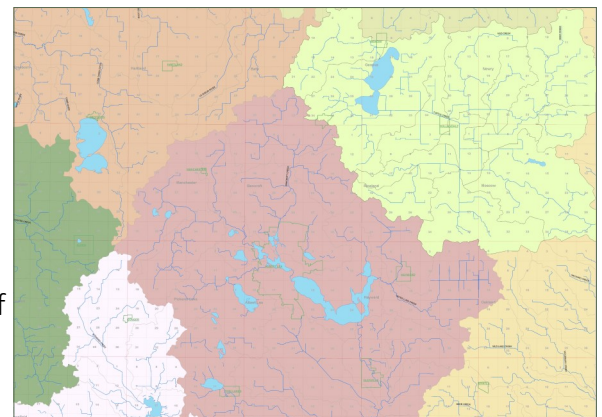
One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

2023 made for another very busy year for the Freeborn SWCD in the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) work.

Cedar-Wapsipinicon River Watershed: Year three marked the close of the first implementation grant and work began on the second grant. Many acres of cover crops were applied, technical assistance provided for structural practices, abandoned wells sealed, and CRP incentive projects completed. We have made great progress with getting conservation on the ground in the Cedar-Wapsiniatershed!

Shell Rock/Winnebago Watershed: In early 2023 we received our first grant to begin implementation within the watersheds. Projects installed include: many acres of cover crops, CRP incentive projects, and well sealings.

Le Sueur River Watershed: The 1W1P plan was finished. We plan to receive grant funding in early 2024 to begin implementation shortly after that. Then last but not least, in late 2023 we have begun creating the plan in the Blue Earth River Watershed. Throughout 2024 and 2025 the plan creation will take place with implementation to follow shortly after. Then for the Cannon watershed in Freeborn County, we decided to opt out of that plan due to the small amount of watershed located in the county. However, we have been able to continue to partner with the Rice SWCD and Steele SWCD to hold a soil health event to utilize some of those funds.



Major watersheds within Freeborn County

Minnesota Buffer Law

Freeborn SWCD staff kept busy working with landowners to help them ensure they were complying with the Minnesota Buffer Law and to help bring those out of compliance into compliance with the Law. Alternative practices were taken into consideration for specific landowners, which included using filter strips, reduced tillage (no till or strip till) and cover crops, side inlet drainage, and negative slopes on the ditch bank.

SWCD staff is completing yearly monitoring on a third (1/3) of the parcels that are impacted by the buffer law. Landowners out of compliance with the buffer law can contact SWCD staff to work towards compliance, otherwise the county will send out enforcement action letters. Freeborn SWCD helps landowners stay in compliance, Freeborn County is the regulatory agency for the Buffer Law.

Capacity Funding

In 2023 the Capacity Funding continued to help assist landowners with cost share. Capacity funding also kept staff busy with project inspections, CRP plans, tree customers, soil health, buffer assistance, and water planning. In the summer of 2023 a new Great Plains 1006NT drill was purchased and used to seed approximately 200 acres of native grass, pasture, and no-till soybeans. The SWCD again thanks legislators for the capacity funding as it has allowed Freeborn SWCD to take a big step toward meeting our goals and accomplishing our mission.



New Great Plains 1006NT drill.

Conservation Easements

Freeborn CREP

Construction was completed on two CREP easements of approximately 200 acres. We closed on a CREP easement of approximately 80 acres. There was native seeding completed/vegetation established on two CREP easements of approximately 110 acres. Restoration was completed on two RIM/CREP easements of approximately 200 acres (construction completed/vegetation established). Also, four CREP easement application was approved by the state of approximately 310 acres.



A restored wetland restoration easement during a site inspection.

Steele CREP Assisted by Freeborn SWCD

Restoration was completed on one RIM/CREP easement of approximately 70 acres (construction completed/vegetation established). Two new RIM easements were approved by the state of approximately 140 acres.

Perpetual Easements

Easement Type	Number of Easements in	Acres
Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM): Riparian Easements	5	320
Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM): : Marginal Agricultural Land Easements	6	90
Permanent Wetland Preserve (PWP) Easements	11	220
Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM): Wetland Restoration Easements	14	355
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	19	610
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP II)	13	560
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP III)	27	2,025
Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) Wetland Restoration Easements	44	2,855
RIM/WRP Wetland Restoration Easements	51	4,075
Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Easements	5	250
Total:	195	11,360 Acres

A summary of RIM, RIM/WRP, WRP, and EWP Easements closed to date 12/31/2023

Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP)



MAWQCP sign posted by a producers field.

This year saw more transitions in personnel working with MAWQCP. Minnesota Department of Agriculture hired Greg Klinger as the Area Certification Specialist (ACS) for the Southeast region in early 2023.

While Freeborn County had no new certifications there were a total of 14 new certifications for the SE area. Minnesota reached a milestone of one million acres certified in 2023. Of the 1,423 certified producers throughout Minnesota, 357 of those producers are in Southeast Minnesota. And of the 357, 36 certified producers are from Freeborn County.

There were a total of 58 reviews conducted in the SE region in 2023. Seven of those reviews were in Freeborn County.

MAWQCP takes a whole farm approach to conservation and improving water quality by assessing all owned and rented tracts and evaluating them on various categories. Producers who become certified are guaranteed Ag Certainty, which is 10 years where they are deemed in compliance with any new State water quality regulations. The program is non-regulatory, and certification is completed on a voluntary basis. A signed application is an invitation for staff to contact the producer and from that initial contact a meeting is set up to gather the relevant information. Financial and technical assistance are available for certified and producers actively pursuing certification.

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) Update

CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CTA) AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Environmental Quality Incentive Program: Out of twelve (12) applicants, three (3) conservation plans were developed and accepted for financial assistance in FY 2023 for EQIP totaling \$180,538.07 in obligations.

Conservation Stewardship Program: Three (3) Classic CSP Applications and Two (2) CSP renewal applications were approved in Freeborn for a total of \$852,309 were obligated for a 5-year period on 5,071.6 cropland acres.

Conservation Reserve Program: Seventy-seven (77) CRP plans were completed for re-enrollments and new enrollments by NRCS staff. NRCS Completed fifty-seven (57) on-site eligibility investigations for continuous CRP practices such as windbreaks, grassed waterways, filter strips, native habitat for pollinators, and wetland restoration for CRP expiring in 2025. (see FSA)

Outreach: Coordinated the outreach and preparation of a local work group meeting for Freeborn County SWCD in June, 2023.



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Estimated Level of Conservation Assistance for Calendar Year 2023

Reported by Gary Kurer-NRCS Area 19 Team Lead

ITEM-EQIP PRACTICES	PLANNED IN 2023	APPLIED IN 2023	EXPENDED FUNDS 2023
Cover Crops	2,013.2 ac	1,946.2 ac	\$84,430.60
Grassed Waterways/Mulching	0 ac	0 ac	\$0
Subsurface Drain	0 ft.	0 ft.	\$0
Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops	3 ea.	3 ea.	\$64,584.00
Residue Management: No-Till/Strip Till/Mulch Till	744.6 ac.	744.6 ac.	\$8,472.40
Energy Efficient Lighting System	40 ea.	40 ea.	\$4,001.85
Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	1 ea.	1 ea.	\$962.67
Combustion System Improvement	1 ea.	1 ea.	\$2,452.80
Brush Management	2.5 ac.	2.5 ac.	\$1,638.00
Animal Mortality Facility	0 ea.	0 ea.	\$0
Water Wells	0 ea.	0 ea.	\$0
Pumping Plants	0 ea.	0 ea.	\$0
Prescribed Grazing	0 ea.	0 ea.	\$0
Heavy Use Area Protection	0 ea.	0 ea.	\$0
Grade Stabilization Structures	0 ea.	0 ea.	\$0
CSP: Nutrient Management and Associated Enhancements	9,218.3 ac	6,724.4 ac	\$96,734.45
CSP: Pest Management and Associated Enhancements	13,329.3 ac	8,833.4 ac	\$118,426.29
CSP: Cover Crops and Associated Enhancements	8,201.5	2,005.7 ac	\$18,405.30
CSP: Conservation Crop Rotation Enhancements	1,394.3 ac	94.2 ac	\$416.60
CSP: Reduced Tillage Enhancements	1,338 ac	570.7 ac	\$2,642.00
CRP: CP-4D: Permanent Wildlife Habitat	19.8 ac	19.8 ac	----
CRP: CP-5A: Field Windbreak	6.7 ac	6.7 ac	----
CRP: CP-8: Grassed Waterways	14.6 ac	14.6 ac	----
CRP: CP-16: Farmstead Windbreaks/Shelterbelts	1.0 ac	1.0 ac	----
CRP: CP-21: Filter Strips	137.5 ac	137.5 ac	----
CRP: CP-22: Riparian Buffer	1.6 ac	1.6 ac	
CRP: CP-23A: Wetland Restoration	266.5 ac	266.5 ac	
CRP: CP-38E: SAFE Acres-Wildlife Habitat-Grass	118.7 ac	118.7 ac	
CRP: CP-42: Pollinator Habitat	0	0	
CRP: CP-43: Prairie Strip	23.1 ac	23.1 ac	
Engineering Requests Submitted			
TOTAL UNITS/FUNDS FOR 2023 CRP:	998 contracts	11,182 acres	\$3,227,239.00
TOTAL UNITS/FUNDS EXPENDED FOR 2023 EQIP:	See Above	See Above	\$178,800.94
TOTAL/UNITS/FUNDS EXPENDED FOR 2023 CSP:	See Above	See Above	\$610,646.08

Revenues & Expenses

Freeborn County SWCD

Revenues & Expenses

January Through December 2023

Unaudited

Jan - Dec 23

Revenue

Charges for Services	\$	196,950
Intergovernmental Rev - County	\$	188,000
Intergovernmental Rev - State	\$	499,782
Misc. Revenue Interest	\$	17,121
Total Revenue	\$	901,852

Expense

Dist. Op. Capital Outlay	\$	23,448
Dist. Op. Serv. & Charges	\$	56,660
Dist. Op. Personnel Services	\$	402,295
Dist. Op. Supplies	\$	663
Project Expense - SWCD	\$	43,035
Project Expense - State	\$	239,039
Total Expense	\$	765,140
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenses	\$	136,712