



# 2018 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD)

Clean Water Fund: SWCD Local Capacity Services 2018

**Grant Award: \$114,400**

**Total Project Budget: \$114,400**

**Progress as of February 2021:**

| Fund Type    | Spent            |
|--------------|------------------|
| Grant        | \$114,400        |
| Match*       | \$14,400         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$128,800</b> |

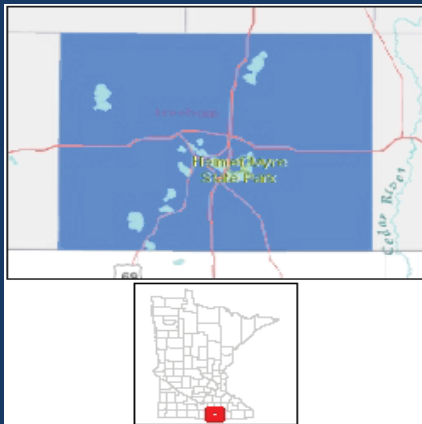
*\* Includes minimum 25% local match*

**Grant Period:**

November 2017 - December 2020

**Project Sponsor:**

Freeborn SWCD



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## Pollution Reduction Estimates

| Indicator Name                       | Proposed | Actual |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Phosphorus (Est. Reduction) (LBS/YR) |          | 45.27  |
| Sediment (Tss) (TONS/YR)             |          | 22.07  |
| Soil (Est. Savings) (TONS/YR)        |          | 104.4  |

## Actual Outcomes

As of 12/31/17 no funds were expended.

2018 Activities were spent administering this grant, eLINK reporting and time tracking, supervision of staff, and SWCD Board updates. Manager/Tech. 42 hours @ \$69.22, and Office Manager 95 hours @ \$53.75 per BWSR billable rates. 2018 activities: 2 Tech 536 hours @ \$40.38, 3 Tech 417.5 hours @ \$33.24, Manager/Tech. 32.5 hours @ \$69.22, Manager 9 hours @ \$53.75.

2018 preparing for and attending Cedar 1W1P meetings and reporting back to SWCD board. Manager/Tech 4 hours @ \$69.22, Office Manager 32.5 hours @ \$53.75.

Worked on providing CRP planning assistance to several landowners and participated in Soil Health team as members, outreach committee, and taking minutes. Assisted customers with buffer law and erosion concerns. Provided assistance several landowners interested in applying for CREP (which resulted in 5 contracts @ 335 acres). Attended BWSR academy and pursuing ecological and engineering JAA. Pursuing Certified Conservation Planner. Also attends Blue Earth Civic Engagement meetings, Shell Rock River & Cedar River Advisory meetings. Assists new NRCS staff with programs and training. (CRP planning and surveying basins and waterways).

Activities in 2019 included; 2019 activities pretty much mirrored 2018 activities, although we had some hurdles with staff changes we were unable to pursue conservation planner status and a MDM grant with a grant deadline and unfavorable weather conditions made it a much challenging year: 2 Tech 93 hours @ \$44.77, 2 Tech 278 hours @ \$45.01, 3 Tech 8.5 hours @ \$44.62.

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Rock River & Cedar River Advisory meetings. Assists new NRCS staff with programs and training. (CRP planning and surveying basins and waterways). This is a county match used for hiring a half time position to administer the CREP program along with general SWCD technical duties. This position was hired 10/1/2019. We were fortunate to hire this individual when his federal funding for this position expired. He has shown continuous support in all aspects of CREP. Last year alone he was the project manager on 21 CREP easements in different stages of restoration/easement closing (everything from application to completed restoration), which included 6 new CREP applications approved, seeding completed on 4 easements, hydrology restored on 4 easements, and 6 easements completely restored. Two iPADS were also purchased. One to help keep shared documents available at 1W1P meetings for following along and taking notes. The other our intention is using out in the field to have documents available to landowners, buffer inventories, anything else where an internet connection would be helpful, etc.

Construction was completed on 8 RIM/CREP easements (All CREP easements with final plans received prior to end of field season were completed). 61 hrs. @50.92 =3106.12 in 2019, 235 hrs. @48.50 in 2020.

2 cover crop contracts were started in 2020 and will go through 2022 implementing cover crops over a combined 120 acres each year. In 2020 on both contracts, cover crop that was planted into standing corn consisted of winter cereal rye, radishes, and turnups. Then for cover crop that was planted into standing soybeans consisted of oats, rapeseed, and winter triticale.

All grant funds have been expended as of 12/31/2020 and reporting is complete.

