

GBERBA Cost-Share Projects

GBERBA Technical Committee Meeting - 4/24/2019

Red (action needed)	Grant	County Number & Contract	Original Contract Funds Encumbered	Amendment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Slippage/Re-Encumbered Funds	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Approval Needed Local Board/ Tech/Policy-Exec
New Projects										
	Faribault Co Drainage Authority - JD 1F	319-CDP-16	22-03	\$30,567.50		\$30,567.50		Alternative Side Intakes (29 no) Cover Crops (75 ac)	\$61,135.00	Tech
	Larry Cowing	319-TMDL	46-04	\$1,875.00		\$1,875.00		Cover Crops (75 ac)	\$3,750.00	Tech
	Andrew Krusemark	319-TMDL	46-05	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		Cover Crops (80 ac)	\$4,000.00	Tech
Cancellations										
	David Ammann	319-TMDL	46-03	\$750.00			\$750.00	Cancellation Cover Crops (20 ac)	\$1,000.00	Tech
Amendments										
	George Sill	319-TMDL	83-03					Amend install date from 4/12/19		Tech
	Le Sueur County Drainage Authority	CWF-MDM-17	40-01	\$36,448.50		\$13,551.50		Easement Costs & Updated Design	\$75,195.00	Tech, Policy
Administrative Change (From one grant to another)										
Completed Contracts										
MAWQCP Incentive Contracts										
	Daniel Eckhardt	MAWQCP	22-6-14			\$100.00		Worksheet Incentive	\$100.00	Exec - Done
	Thomas Griebel	MAWQCP	59-5-19			\$200.00		Certification Incentive	\$200.00	Exec - Done
	Duane Anderson	MAWQCP	87-5-18			\$100.00		Worksheet Incentive	\$100.00	Exec - Done
	Comer Grove Farm	MAWQCP	22-6-15			\$300.00		Worksheet/Certification Incentive	\$300.00	Exec - Done
	Troy Wendland	MAWQCP	42-5-09			\$100.00		Worksheet Incentive	\$100.00	Exec - Done
	Dale Appel	MAWQCP	32-5-20			\$300.00		Worksheet/Certification Incentive	\$300.00	Policy

Grant Balances and Projects

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		Grant Deadlines Project Funds Project Dev. & T/E	Grant 33	Grant 37	Grant 39		
			319 Drainage	Cover Crops/Intakes	Multi Purpose DM		
			8/31/2019	8/31/2020	12/31/2019		
			\$104,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$226,000.00		
County	Code						
Blue Earth	7		\$12,500.00	\$7,927.49	\$23,550.00		
Brown	8			\$3,850.24			
Cottonwood	17			\$7,247.14			
Faribault	22		\$49,074.48	\$40,430.74	\$1,575.00		
Freeborn	24		\$16,750.00	\$6,960.00			
Jackson	32						
LeSueur	40				\$50,000.00		
Martin	46			\$5,472.50			
Waseca	81			\$2,749.13	\$35,625.00		
Watonwan	83			\$21,750.00			
Encumbered and/or Paid Totals			\$78,324.48	\$96,387.24	\$110,750.00		
Funds Remaining			\$25,675.52	\$203,612.76	\$115,250.00		

319 Drainage	Grant 33			
CWF-R&G14	22-06x	CD514 - Fari. Co. D.A.	\$11,502.00	Grade Stab. - Altern. Inlets
FY16 - CWP	22-02x	JCD No. 414 Martin/Faribault Co. DA	\$0.00	Grade Stab. - Altern. Inlets
319-CDP-16	24-01	Stanley Thompson	\$16,750.00	Grass Waterway-Grade Stab.
FY14-CWP-DRAIN-15	22-01	Faribault Co D.A.	\$0.00	Side Inlets (27)
319-CDP-16	22-02	Faribault Co D.A. CD41	\$7,004.98	Side Inlets (19)
319-CDP-16	07-01	Blue Earth Co D.A. JD85	\$12,500.00	Side Inlets (5)
319-CDP-16	22-03	Faribault Co D.A. JD 1F	\$30,567.50	Side Inlets (29)
		TOTAL	\$78,324.48	

Expiration Date	Payment Date
	12/20/2017
4/30/2018	
Administrative Move	
12/31/18 to 8/31/19	
6/1/2018	
Administrative Move	
8/1/2019	
Administrative Move and Amendment to Increase Funding	6/27/2018
7/31/2019	

319 Drainage/Cover Crops	Grant 37			
319-TMDL	46-01	Larry Cowing	\$1,012.50	cover crops
319-TMDL	17-01	Ramont Schrock	\$1,448.14	cover crops
319-TMDL	46-02	Harvey Hagedorn	\$585.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	24-01	Doug Redman	\$3,000.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	07-01	Lucas Bunde	\$1,075.28	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-01	Wegner Farms	\$1,819.16	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-02	Ryan O'Hare	\$1,275.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-03	Andy Linder	\$1,740.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-04	J-Ace Farms, Inc	\$2,125.80	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-05	Matt Alford	\$1,408.34	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-06	William Rauenhorst	\$1,740.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-07	Dean Schimek	\$1,920.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-08	Neal Mensing	\$1,932.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-09	Clint Eastman	\$2,133.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	07-03	Roger Hubmer	\$2,784.75	cover crops
319-TMDL	07-04	John Frey	\$849.66	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-10	Scott Volz	\$2,552.40	cover crops
319-TMDL	83-01	Greenwood Prop. LLC	\$3,000.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	83-02	Gary Dannhoff	\$3,000.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	17-02	Darby Harder	\$2,775.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-11	Dennis Baxter	\$500.00	alternative tile intakes
319-TMDL	22-12	Dennis Baxter	\$250.00	alternative tile intakes
319-TMDL	22-13	Steve Lawrence	\$250.00	alternative tile intakes
319-TMDL	83-03	George Sill	\$3,000.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	83-04	Jerry Sill	\$3,000.00	cover crops
319-TMDL	07-02	Matt Warmka	\$2,681.25	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-14	Brent Haase	\$1,119.69	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-15	Scott Haase	\$925.90	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-16	Kenneth Haase	\$1,706.25	cover crops
319-TMDL	22-17	Eric Wegner	\$1,500.00	cover crops

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	12/20/2017
	12/20/2017
	10/30/2017
	11/17/2017
	3/9/2018
	10/30/2017
5/15/2018	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 9/15/2019	3/8/2019
Amendment 9/15/2019	1/11/2019
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
	4/12/2019
	4/12/2019
	11/1/2018
	3/8/2019
	7/1/2020
	12/19/2018
	7/1/2020
	12/19/2018
	7/1/2020
	9/19/2018
Amendment 4/12/19 to 12/31/19	
	4/13/2019
	9/15/2019
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
Amendment 11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
	11/1/2018

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319-TMDL	22-18	Jeff Schultz	\$1,195.90	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	46-03	David Ammann	\$0.00	cover crops	Canceled 4-19	12/31/2018	
319-TMDL	81-01	Thomas Klug	\$1,497.38	cover crops		12/31/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	07-05	John Rollings	\$536.55	cover crops		9/15/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL	83-05	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$3,000.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	22-19	Ryan Hagedorn	\$2,077.50	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-20	Trails End Farm	\$2,194.50	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-21	Tim Peterson	\$2,027.25	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-22	Dominic Schultz	\$1,901.25	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-23	Greg Johanson	\$750.00	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-06	Ben Christensen	\$0.00	cover crops	Canceled 9-18		
319-TMDL	83-07	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$0.00	cover crops	Canceled 9-18		
319-TMDL	83-08	Homewood Farms	\$3,000.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	83-09	AVG II, LLC	\$3,000.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	24-02	Glen Ausen	\$1,500.00	cover crops	Amendment	12/1/18 to 12/1/19	
319-TMDL	24-03	Casey Madson	\$2,460.00	cover crops		12/1/2018	10/12/2018
319-TMDL	17-03	Curtis Janzen	\$2,100.00	cover crops		12/1/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-24	Ronald Volsen	\$2,461.80	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-25	Eric Volsen	\$2,925.00	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-10	Noren Durheim	\$750.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	08-01	Steve Michels	\$1,500.00	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 11/1/19	
319-TMDL	08-02	Bryon Christenson	\$2,350.24	cover crops	Slippage - \$87.26	11/1/2018	11/9/2018
319-TMDL	17-04	Ramont Schrock	\$924.00	cover crops		12/1/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	81-02	Naomi Schaetzke	\$501.75	cover crops		12/1/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL	81-03	Marvin Guse	\$750.00	alternative tile intakes	Partial Payment 2-19	12/1/2019	2/8/2019
319-TMDL	46-04	Larry Cowing	\$1,875.00	cover crops		12/31/2019	
319-TMDL	46-05	Andrew Krusemark	\$2,000.00	cover crops		12/31/2019	
TOTAL			\$96,387.24				

FY17 Multipurpose Drainage Grant 39				Expiration Date	Payment Date
CWF-MDM-17	07-01	Blue Earth DA %Craig Austinson	\$23,550.00	side inlets	1/12/2018
CWF-MDM-17	81-01	Byron Properties of New Richland	\$35,625.00	Bioreactor	12/1/18 to 12/1/19 C-S Increase \$2,775.00
CWF-MDM-17	22-01	G&S Drainage & Excavating	\$1,575.00	Drainage Water Mgmt Plan	4/31/19 10/12/2018
CWF-MDM-17	40-01	Le Sueur County Drainage Authority	\$50,000.00	Storage and Treatment Wetland	12/1/19 C-S Increase \$13,551.50
TOTAL			\$110,750.00		

Month Ending 3/31/2019
GBERBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 4/12/2019

Checking /Savings Balance - 2/28/2019	\$ 164,835.83
Total Receipts	37,279.77
Total Disbursements	(27,444.98)
Checking/Savings Balance - 3/31/19	\$ 174,670.62

Receipts 3/1/19 to 3/31/19

GBERBA Dues - Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Jackson, Le	\$ 37,271.00
Sueur, Martin & Watonwan	
Interest	8.77
	\$ 37,279.77

Disbursements - 3/1/19-3/31/2019

3729 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$ 4,334.00
3730 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator	329.00
3731 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	6,436.41
3732 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	6,672.60
3733 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist	3,813.22
3734 Darby Harder - 319-TMDL-16-17-02 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	2,775.00
3735 Roger Hubmer - 319-TMDL-16-07-03 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	2,784.75
3736 James Dambrotten - 65-6-06 - MAWQCP Worksheet-Certification Incentive	300.00
	\$27,444.98

Accounts Payable - 4/12/18

3737 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$4,334.00
3738 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator	423.00
3739 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	6,578.81
3740 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	9,629.56
3741 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist	7,121.45
3742 Cottonwood SWCD - Reimbursement for Joint Meeting Expenses	591.66
3743 Daniel Eckhardt - MAWQCP - 22-6-14 - Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3744 Thomas Griebel - MAWQCP - 59-5-19 - Certification Incentive	200.00
3745 Duane Anderson - MAWQCP - 87-5-18 - Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3746 Corner Grove Farm - MAWQCP - 22-6-15 - Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3747 Troy Wendland - MAWQCP - 42-5-09 - Worksheet Incentive	100.00
	\$ 29,478.48

Accounts Receivable

GBERBA Dues - Waseca - <i>Received 4-23-19</i>	\$ 4,973.00
Minnesota Department of Ag. - February - <i>Received 4-8-19</i>	16,417.27
Minnesota Department of Ag. - March - <i>Received 4-23-19</i>	17,383.68
	\$ 38,773.95

Bank Account Balances

GBERBA Checking - #1839	\$ 97,708.55
GBERBA CWL Savings - #3367	30,007.25
GBERBA Operating Savings - regulated funds - #1871	46,954.82
	\$ 174,670.62



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

DATE: APRIL 24, 2019
TO: GBERBA MEMBERS
FROM: KAY GROSS and DAVID BUCKLIN, GBERBA COORDINATORS
SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT GBERBA TECHNICAL MEETING

MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6 – See Certification Specialist Reports.

2016 MPCA – 319 Drainage Grant

An Outreach Booklet has been printed and will be sent to Drainage staff and elected officials to see conservation opportunities and potential in drainage systems.

319 Drainage Grant: Side inlet structures 50% cost share. These are federal dollars matched by state or local dollars.

2017 MPCA 319 Grant - Cover Crops and Alternative Tile Intakes

An Implementation Policy Paper for the grant titled "Greater Blue Earth River Basin TMDL Implementation" has been developed and reviewed at the Technical meeting. This guidance document will be posted on the GBERBA website.

Cover crops: \$50.00 dollars per acre maximum, 75% cost share maximum (\$ 37.50 ac.), 80 acre size maximum per owner. Prioritization required. Alternative intakes: Rock and pattern tile. \$500.00 maximum and 50% cost share. These are federal dollars and require state or local match. Perforated risers, broom and other water quality intakes: \$200.00 maximum and 50% cost share. These are federal dollars and require state or local match.

The grant amendment has been completed and all remaining cost share for projects including Alternative intakes, Side inlets, and Cover crops will be at 50% cost share. New grant policy papers have been generated.

2017 CWF Grant- Multipurpose Drainage Management

Multipurpose Drainage Management - \$301,200: Projects for this Drainage Grant will need to be located in public ditch sheds. **GBERBA member entire counties are eligible.** Priority parameters are developed to identify the eligible ditches. A guidance policy sheet is online.

One Watershed One Plan Planning Grants, Watonwan Watershed

The Watonwan 1W1P Project is in full swing completing the plan language. The Advisory Committee has now met two times with good progress being made on the Issues Table.

New Grant Opportunity

GBERBA applied for a MPCA 319 round two cover crop focused grant. We received notification that the GBERBA application was not funded.

GREATER BLUE EARTH RIVER BASIN ALLIANCE

CLEAN WATER FUND POLICY

Multipurpose Drainage Management – Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (FY 2017 Application)

APPLICATION

The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) will install best management practices to reduce erosion and sedimentation, reduce peak flows and flooding, and improve water quality while protecting drainage system efficiency and reducing drainage system maintenance for priority Chapter 103E drainage systems within the County-wide area of the 10 GBERBA member counties (excluding areas managed by watershed districts).

Total Grant: \$301,200.00

Grant Period: April 10, 2017 – December 31, 2019

GUIDELINES

1. **Administrative and Coordination:** Funds will be given to GBERBA to complete the grant recording and financial responsibilities: \$30,000.00 (10% of grant total)
2. **Technical Assistance and Engineering:** These funds will be paid to counties/SWCDs that complete and request payment for projects. The technical service provider must complete and provide to GBERBA all required paperwork before payments will be made. Technical service providers may include drainage engineers, private engineers, Technical Service Area staff, and other staffs with the skills required to complete such projects: \$45,200.00 (20% of funds dedicated to conservation practices).
3. **Cost-Share for Conservation Practices:** Funds will be disbursed to landowner up to 100% cost-share as long as all in-kind contributions for the grant (25% or \$75,300.00) can be met to comply with the CWF grant agreement. Drainage authority, EQIP, and landowner in-kind are anticipated. Match required for projects: \$75,300.00.
-Maximum grant request per project is \$50,000.00
4. **Targeting Projects:** All conservation practices must be implemented on land associated with a prioritized Chapter 103E public drainage system with a documented sediment or water quality concern.
-**Priority 103E Systems:** Sediment or water quality concerns may be documented in several ways, including but is not limited to: an analysis, study, strategy, plan, engineer's report, engineer's preliminary survey report for a drainage system improvement, or other water quality analysis. Two examples of 103E systems with documented concerns:
 1. Faribault County Ditch #7. The CD7 Improvement Project Plan has identified 24 drainage manipulation practices that could be implemented to benefit water quality.
 2. The Martin County Multipurpose Drainage Management Plan (2014) call for drainage management on four priority 103E drainage systems and includes descriptions of appropriate drainage practices and identifies specific targeted sites where these practices would be the most effective.-**Eligible Practices:** On-field, on-farm, and on-drainage system practices within the benefited area or the watershed of a priority Chapter 103E drainage system: Grassed Waterway, WASCOB, Grade Stabilization, Denitrifying Bioreactor, Saturated Buffer, Alternative Tile Intake, Storage & Treatment Wetland.

-**Ineligible Practices:** Tile (except where associated with projects), Ditching (except where associated with storage & treatment wetland), Grade Stabilization Structures in and along the centerline of drainage system, Back-flow preventing flap gates on side inlet pipes, Bridges or Culverts through roads, Water Quality Monitoring, Buffers required by law, including buffer establishment associated with a saturated buffer.
5. Projects will be approved at the local SWCD and then presented to the Technical Committee and Policy/Executive Board for approval. (Approval is not official until approved by local SWCD Board of Supervisors).
6. Payments for the completed projects will be approved at the local SWCD and then presented to the Technical Committee followed by the Policy/Executive Board for final payment. All applicable paper work must be submitted to GBERBA before payments are made.
7. Numbering System for grant – CWF – MDM – 17 – (County #) – (Project # beginning with 01)



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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DATE: April 24, 2019

NAME: Josh Votruba
Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

Past Events:

- Apr 3 – Watonwan 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 3 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 4 – Water Storage Forum, Mankato, MN
- Apr 12 – GBERBA Executive Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Apr 15 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 17 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 23 – Soil Health Team Meeting, Sleepy Eye, MN

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 25 – Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting, Windom, MN
- May 10 – GBERBA Policy Meeting, Mankato, MN

Working on:

- *Training:* I recently attended the MN River Basin Water Storage Forum put on by the MSU Water Resource Center. The event had many speakers from different agencies (SWCDs, Universities, Counties, State Agencies) speak about various topics in relation to water storage. With the Watonwan Watershed currently going through a One Watershed, One Plan this event seemed like a great opportunity to learn and get ideas as the lack of water storage in the watershed is a major issue.
- *Watonwan County/SWCD:* In Watonwan County I have been working with the SWCD researching potential projects for the St. James Golf Course which has bank erosion problems along the South Fork Watonwan River. In addition, I have been assisting Watonwan Soil & Water Technician Chad Hildebrand with buffer site visits. Also, with there still being large amounts of money available for the GBERBA cover crop cost share we are looking to try and push cover crop hard in Watonwan County. We are looking to do some outreach and some field days/meetings for farmers and landowners.
- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost Share:* In Cottonwood County we sent out post-cards in March informing landowners of the GBERBA cover crop cost-share available in the Watonwan Watershed. The cost share is for 50% and is up to 80 acres maximum per landowner. Last August we sent out a mass mailing to landowners and had a few interested landowners respond. It is our hope that this year we have even more interest from Cottonwood County landowners. The GBERBA cover crop cost-share is a great opportunity for farmers and landowners who are new to cover crops to try it out for the first time.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The Advisory Committee recently had their second meeting which was April 4th. The committee went over the priority issues table which was composed of the high and medium priority issues which were based on the input from the kickoff meeting, online survey, and state and local agency expertise/comments. The committee during the April 4th meeting reviewed the 52 issues present on the table and made decisions on if certain issues that were similar could be combined. For the next meeting the Advisory Committee will finish reviewing these priority issues.



Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist

Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



Herman Bartsch
 AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
 April 23rd, 2019

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Program Promotion
- NRCS - RCPP Applications
- Conservation Planning Recertification
- Midwest Soil Health Summit – Gustavus 3-12-19
- LeSueur Cover Crop Meeting 3-14-19
- ACS Meeting – St. Paul 4-3-19

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	16	12
LeSueur SWCD	6	2	2
Martin SWCD	9	5	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	8	7	6
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	9	9	2
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	98	74	50

MDA has developed an MAWQCP Story Map. This is an interactive online map of the state where producers can pin their general location and include some information about their farm, why they chose to get certified and a picture. This is an opportunity for farmers to share their story, and will help promote the program. Farmers who are interested in getting on the map should contact their Area Certification Specialist.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 4-22-19

- 731 producers certified
- 489,385 acres certified
- 1,484 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 30,176 tons per year (60,351,420 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 74,711 tons per year (149,422,993 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 35,902 lbs. of P per year



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

April 22, 2019



DANIELLE EVERS

AREA 5 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Serving the Counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, & Yellow Medicine

Projects and Workload:

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, create maps, & upload documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Working on Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water MAWQCP incentive applications/assessments.
- Attending/Participating in events to gain continuing education credits for CCA certification
- Homework for the Minnesota Rural Leadership Program
- Working on trying to have some Ag Water Quality Meetings in different counties & inviting producers
- Gearing up to do field verifications. Making maps/plans.
- Coordinating with local NRCS offices to submit RCPP Applications
- Calling and completing the first year of program audits

Events:

- **April 3rd**- ACS Meeting St. Paul
- **April 19th** – RCPP EQIP Application Ranking Deadline
- **May 1st** – Ag in the Classroom Event – Pipestone, MN

Program Updates and Information:

- **Limited number** of water quality inlets are still available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant)
- **\$6,000** of Additional funding is still available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP
- MAWQCP has certified over **724 farms**, including over **481,695 acres** with **1,469 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **30,176 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **74,711 tons** soil reduced per year, **35,902 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers

YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications
Cottonwood SWCD	31	29	2	13
Jackson SWCD	30	27	5	13
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	6	6	1	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	14	12	1	7
Murray SWCD	12	12	0	9
Nobles SWCD	13	13	0	9
Pipestone SWCD	35	32	0	16
Redwood SWCD	31	31	1	22
Rock SWCD	18	15	1	9
Yellow Medicine SWCD	22	22	3	9
Totals	228	215	14	115

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Workload:

- Assisting Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with mapping assessed fields in the MAWQCP mapping tool and assessment tool
- Entering producer fields into Web Soil Survey to check for sensitive soils
- Assisting Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with filling in soil and nutrient management information for applicant's fields
- Reading through the MAWQCP binder and other information about the program
- Attended producer meetings with Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers
- Assist Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with field verifications

Projects and Events:

- Attended Midwest Soil Health Summit with Herman in St. Peter on 3/12
- Attended a County Commissioner Meeting in Windom on 3/19
- Attended the 1W1P in St. James on 3/20
- Met with Producer with Herman Bartsch in Blue Earth on 3/25
- Attended the 1W1P Steering/Advisory Committee Meeting on 4/3
- Attended the Minnesota River Basin Water Storage Forum in Mankato on 4/4
- Met with a Producer with Danielle Evers in Windom on 4/8
- Filter Strip Training in New Ulm on 4/10 (Postponed)
- Attended the 1W1P Steering Team Meeting on 4/17
- Continue to input maps and other data into the mapping and assessment tool

Upcoming Events:

- Attending SWCD Board Meeting 4/25
- Tree Pick Up 4/26

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