

# Looking Back on 2012...



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## 2012 Best Management Practices

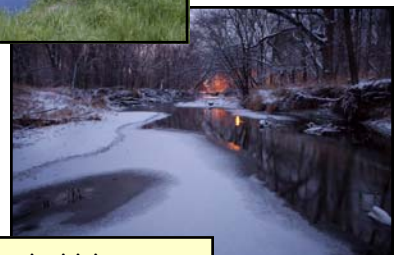
Project	Number Completed	Federal/State Funds Cost Share/Incentive paid to landowners
Cover Crop	8 contracts	
Waterways	24 waterways	
Sediment Basins	7 basin systems	
Windbreaks	7 Windbreaks	
Side Inlets	13 side inlets	
<b>Total EQIP and State Cost</b>		<b>\$338,234.59</b>
Ag BMP Program	22 loans	\$528,250
Filter Strips and CRP	39 Contracts/344 ac.	\$1,290,000.
Streambank Revetment	300 feet	
Constructed Wetland/Retention	2	\$20,500
Wetland Restoration Sign Ups	2 for 65 acres	
Back Forty Pheasant Habitat	3 contracts/16.5 ac	\$61,875
CSP Payments	12	\$123,026
CRWD Incentive Funds		\$38,000
<b>Total State and Federal Dollars</b>		<b>\$2,399,885.59</b>
Conservation Plans Written	4626 acres	
Land treated for Wtr Quality	10,615 acres	
Land treatment for Wildlife	1007 acres	



2012 Outstanding Conservationists—  
Wayne & Cindy DeWall



Reenrollment of CRP was a focus in 2012



Monitoring and prioritizing areas for practices, shows improvement in bacteria, chloride and phosphorus in the Cedar River.

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## 2012 Highlights & Events

- Secured \$149,900.00 for feedlot improvement and conservation practices.
- Completed construction on a new constructed wetland through CRP to lower nitrates and water retention.
- Worked with landowners on stalk nitrate testing to decrease nitrates in surface waters.
- Coordinated a streambank stabilization for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center and a downstream landowner.
- Administrative and technical services for the Cedar River and Turtle Creek Watershed Districts.
- Provided staff assistance to the Vision 2020 Waterway Committee.
- Hosted a field day at the constructed wetland and bioreactor demonstration site.
- Continued monitoring 2 stage ditch, bioreactors and constructed wetland for nitrate reduction.
- Hosted Public Nitrate Clinic—40 wells tested.
- Continued TMDL work in the Cedar River Basin.