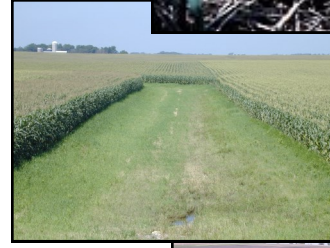


Looking Back on 2005...

Mower Soil & Water Conservation District & Natural Resource Conservation Service

Accomplishments

Project	Number Completed	Federal/State Funds Cost Share/Incentive
Conservation Tillage	8 contracts	\$121,749.00
Waterways	49 waterways	\$321,219.50
Terrace Systems	11 systems	\$25,575.00
Structure	1	\$1,000.00
Windbreaks	5 projects	\$30,219.00
CRP Buffers	316 acres	\$115,340.00
CRP Wetland Restorations	42.6 acres	\$15,549.00
Conservation Security Program		\$44,394.00
Trees and Shrubs	21,573	
Ag Best Management Low Interest Loan Program		
Total Loan \$\$ Approved in 2004	15 Applications	\$504,792.80
Total Program Dollars		\$1,179,838.30



Control Drainage Installation

2005 Conservation Farmers— Jim & Mike Bustad



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Justin Hanson, Resource Specialist
Jeanne Crump, Administrative Assistant
Matt Taylor, District Technician
Mike Muzzy, NRCS District Conservationist
Jackie Byam, NRCS Technician

2005 Highlights and Events

- Installed Controlled Drainage Project in partnership with Department of Ag.
- Coordination of Flood Reduction Committees
- Assisted 35 customers with native grass and planting services
- Assisted 217 requests for construction in potential wetland areas
- Secured \$75,000.00 BWSR for flood reduction planning
- Jackie Byam, NRCS spent 6 weeks in West Virginia at the NRCS Boot Camp.
- Lee Bonorden, Austin Daily Herald, received the 2005 MASWCD media award.
- Bev Nordby received the Sigurd F. Olson Award from the Minnesota Isaac Walton League Chapters
- Implementation of CREP II in Southeast Minnesota
- Rolled out the Conservation Security Program
- Mike and Jim Bustad Families are 2005 Conservation Farmers

