

# Looking Back on 2010...



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## 2010 Best Management Practices

<u>Project</u>	<u>Number Completed</u>	<u>Federal/State Funds Cost Share/Incentive paid to landowners</u>
Conservation Tillage	3 contracts	
Cover Crop	7 contacts	
Waterways	14 waterways	
Sediment Basins	6 systems	
Windbreaks	9 windbreaks	
Nutrient & Pest Management	8 contracts	
Pit Closure	1	
Structures	2 structure	
Mortality Buildings	2	
Organic	1 acres	
<b>Total EQIP and State Cost</b>		<b>\$466,468</b>
Ag BMP Program		\$392,500
Filter Strips CREP and CRP	7.3	\$81,502
Wetland Rest Construction	38 acres	\$71,000
Back Forty Pheasant Habitat	79.1 acres	\$318,474
CSP Payments	7 Contracts	\$51,428
<b>Total State and Federal Dollars</b>		<b>\$1,382,372</b>
Trees and Shrubs/Windbreaks	14,045 Trees Sold	
Conservation Plans Written	11,250 acres	
Land treated for Wtr Quality	9700 acres	
Land treatment for Wildlife	3610 acres	

2010 Outstanding Conservationists—  
**Arvid and Lois Jovaag**



Austin High School helping with Native Prairie Planting on Mill Pond in Austin



City of LeRoy well sealing demonstration on Water Protection Day



## 2010 Highlights & Events

- Justin Hanson receives Watershed District Employee of the Year
- Coordinated LeRoy Water Protection Day
- 5 Year Update to Mower County Comprehensive Water Plan
- Applied and received a MDH grant for the City of Leroy
- Received grant of \$160,000.00 for Dobbins Creek Watershed
- Received 5 year grant for conservation practices to lower nitrates worth up to 1.7 million.
- Worked with 3 areas in Austin for native grass plantings
- Assisted 172 producers/landowners with wetland determinations and regulations.
- Continued with administration/technical services for the Cedar River Watershed District and Turtle Creek Watershed District
- Completed the third year of the monitoring program for the Cedar River Watershed District, 11 sites/17 times each.
- Completed the TMDL for Turbidity Assessment phase for Cedar River Basin
- 70 practice applications for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) that paid out \$436,339
- Coordinated a tour for Turtle Creek Watershed District



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