

Looking Back on 2011...



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2011 Best Management Practices

<u>Project</u>	<u>Number Completed</u>	<u>Federal/State Funds Cost Share/Incentive paid to landowners</u>
Conservation Tillage		
Cover Crop	3 contracts	
Waterways	19 waterways	
Sediment Basins	6 basin systems	
Windbreaks	6 windbreaks	
Nutrient & Pest Management	5 contracts	
Side Inlets	2 side inlets	
Structures	2 rock chutes	
Mortality Buildings	3 buildings	
Grazing	1 contract	
Total EQIP and State Cost		\$464,556
Ag BMP Program	25 loans	\$516,000
Filter Strips CREP and CRP	16 acres	\$162,124
Streambank Revetment	130 feet	\$6,750
Bioreactor/Constructed Wetland	380 ac treated	\$50,000
Wetland Rest Construction	112 acres	\$86,000
Back Forty Pheasant Habitat	51.2 acres	\$248,487
CSP Payments	7 contracts	\$51,386
Native Buffer	.5 acre	\$1,332
Total State and Federal Dollars		\$1,586,635

Trees and Shrubs/Windbreaks	12,889 Trees Sold
Conservation Plans Written	14,560 acres
Land treated for Wtr Quality	7,925 acres
Land treatment for Wildlife	3,540 acres

2011 Outstanding Conservationists—
 City of Austin Park & Rec Department and
 JC Hormel Nature Center



Bioreactor/Constructed Wetland in Clayton Township.
 *Photo courtesy
 The Nature Conservancy.



Before and After photos of the Streambank Revetment in Red Rock Township.

2011 Highlights & Events

- Constructed wetland with woodchip bioreactor, treating up to 330 acres of drainage area.
- Secured \$97,000 through the State of MN for damages done by the 2010 flood.
- Provide administrative and technical services for the Turtle Creek and Cedar River Watershed Districts.
- Coordinated the process of a 5 year update to the Mower County Water Plan.
- Implemented a stalk nitrate testing program in the Cedar River Watershed to lower the nitrates going into the streams.
- Participated in "Breakfast on the Farm" that was sponsored by Farm Bureau.
- Coordinated a distribution of 300 rain barrels with other local partners.
- Secured \$221,700 for a feedlot improvement and 10 water & sediment basin systems through Clean Water Fund.
- Assisted 300 producers/landowners with wetland determinations and regulations.
- Completed 3 Wetland Restorations in the Cedar River Watershed.

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