

2016 BROWN SWCD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Brown SWCD held and/or participated in and/or promoted the following, but not limited to, these events in 2016.

EDUCATION & PROMOTION

- Radio Presentations on Buffer Law, Tree Program, Walk-In Access Program, RIM Program, Cost-Share Program, MAWQCP, and Aquatic Invasive Species Program
- News Releases sent to local newspapers and posted on the SWCD's Website and Facebook page about the Tree Program, Outstanding Conservationist, New Employee, Summer Apprentice, Supervisor Elections, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention, Buffer Legislation, and Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- New Ulm Farm-City Hub Club Farm Show Booth
- Soil Stewardship information provided to Brown County churches
- Landowner Meetings/Inquiries – Wetland Conservation Act
- Conservation Update Annual Newsletter Published
- Outstanding Conservationist Recognition
- Private Pesticide Applicator Test and Manual Handout
- NRCS Soil Health and Cover Crop Tours/Meetings

COST SHARE – PLANNING/INSTALLATION ASSISTANCE

- Steve Gode: Water and Sediment Control Basin – Construction Completed
- Ray Seifert: Water and Sediment Control Basin – Construction Completed
- Steve Gode: Grassed Waterway – Construction Completed
- Ray Seifert: 3 Water and Sediment Control Basins – Construction Completed
- Daniel Steffl: 5 Alternative Tile Intakes – Contract Approved, Construction Completed
- Mike Steffl: 10 Alternative Tile Intakes – Contracts Approved, Construction Completed
- Peter Windschitl: Terrace – Construction Planned
- Arland Roiger: 1 Alternative Tile Intake – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- Ron Remus: 6 Alternative Tile Intakes – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- Clifford Lux: 1 Alternative Tile Intake – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- Leo Hoffman: Water and Sediment Control Basin – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- Randy Braulick: Grassed Waterway – Construction Planned
- Jim Losleben: Streambank Protection – Construction Planned
- Marlin Huiras: Grade Stabilization – Construction Planned
- Lester Braulick: Grade Stabilization – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- John Hoffmann: Grade Stabilization – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- Merv Speckman: Streambank Protection – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- Charles Soukup: Streambank Protection – Contract Approved, Construction Planned
- Fischer Farms: Terraces, Flood Relief Cost Share – Construction Planned
- John Kuck: Ravine Stabilization – Survey and Site Investigation Work, Final Design Plans and Cost Estimate Being Developed by SCTSA
- Nilson/Runck/New Ulm Fishing Club: Ravine Stabilization – Survey and Site Investigation Work, Final Design Plans and Cost Estimate Being Developed by SCTSA
- Richard Runck: Ravine/Water Retention – Site Investigation Work
- Jon Beckius: Windbreak Tree Planting Completed
- Dean Walter: Windbreak Tree Planting Completed
- Philip Lipetzky: Windbreak Tree Planting Completed
- RCRC: Assist/Approve Cost Share Contracts for Landowners for a total of 11 Alternative Tile Intake Installations in the Cottonwood River Watershed
- RCRC: Assist/Approve Cost Share Contracts for 3 Landowners for 6 Water and Sediment Control Basin Structures and a Streambank Protection in Brown County
- GBERBA: Assist/Approve 1 Cost Share Contract for a Water and Sediment Control Basin Structure in the Watonwan Watershed within Brown County

2015 RIM WETLANDS EASEMENT FINALIZED

- Marlin Huiras

2016 RIM 2014 FLOOD RESPONSE EASEMENTS PROCESSING

- Daniel and Connie Vogel
- Patrick and Amy Vogel

WALK-IN ACCESS ACTIVE CONTRACTS

- John Baier
- Haala Properties
- Martin Haala
- Home Farm Partnership (2 active contracts)
- Morgan Sportsmen Club (2 active contracts)
- Perry Thompson
- Edwin Windschitl

BUFFER PROGRAM

- Outreach and communication with landowners regarding DNR mapping disputes
- Completed the initial compliance review in BuffCAT
- Developed informational handouts for landowners
- Purchased field equipment to assist us in flagging and mapping buffers
- Developed database for internal tracking of buffer program compliance

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

- Billboard Advertisements for a five-month time period at 3 locations in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye
- Pull The Plug and Waterfowl Hunters Newspaper Ads placed in all Brown County Newspapers During the Months of August, September, and October
- Attend Lake Association Meetings and Events As Requested

PROGRAMS

- Tree Sales (47 Customers)
- Water Table and Well Readings
- Rain Gauge Program
- RIM Spot Checks
- CREP Spot Checks
- State Cost Share Spot Checks
- Local Work Group Annual Planning Meeting
- Wetlands Conservation Act – TEP Panel

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATION AND/OR SUPPORT

- Brown County
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area
- Bridging Brown County
- Area VI Association
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota DNR
- South Central Technical Service Area
- Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Farm Service Agency
- Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance
- Lake Hanska Area Association
- Minnesota River Alliance
- Minnesota River Board
- Pheasants Forever
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative
- Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees