

2017 BROWN SWCD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Brown SWCD held and/or participated in and/or promoted the following, but not limited to, these events in 2017.

EDUCATION & PROMOTION

- Radio Presentations on Buffer Law, Tree Program, Walk-In Access Program, RIM Program, Cost-Share Program, MAWQCP, MN CREP Program, and Aquatic Invasive Species Program
- News Releases sent to local newspapers and/or posted on the SWCD's Website and Facebook page about the Tree Program, MN CREP Program, Buffer Law Program, Buffer Cost Share Program, Outstanding Conservationist, New Employees, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention, and Soil 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

COST SHARE/PLANNING/INSTALLATION ASSISTANCE

- Jim Losleben: Streambank Protection – Construction Completed
- Peter Windschitl: Terrace – Construction Completed
- Randy Braulick: Grassed Waterway – Construction Completed
- Leo Hoffman: Water and Sediment Control Basin – Construction Completed
- Gary Veenstra: 2 Water and Sediment Control Basins – Contracts Approved, Construction Completed
- LaRay Kral Trust: Water and Sediment Control Basin – Contract Approved, Construction Completed
- Marlin Huiras: Grade Stabilization – Construction Completed
- Charles Soukup: Streambank Protection – Construction Completed
- Merv Speckman: Streambank Protection – Construction Completed
- Ron Remus: 7 Alternative Tile Intakes – Construction Completed
- Lester Braulick: Grade Stabilization – Construction Completed
- Haala Properties: 1 Alternative Tile Intake – Contract Approved, Construction Completed
- Paul Tauer: Streambank Protection – Contract Approved, Construction Completed
- John Kuck: Ravine Stabilization – Survey and Site Investigation Work, Final Design Plans and Cost Estimate Being Developed by SCTSA
- Dwight Nilson: Ravine Stabilization – Final Design, Contract Approved, Construction Bids Out
- Richard Runck: Ravine/Water Retention – Site Investigation Work, Design and Cost Estimate Being Developed by Area II
- Cottonwood Township: Lined Waterway/Riprap Flume – Contract Approved, Construction Completed
- Leavenworth Township: Streambank Protection – Contract Approved, Construction Completed
- City of Springfield: Streambank Protection – Site Investigation Work, Final Design and Cost Estimate to be Completed in 2018
- Alan Kral: 2 Grade Stabilization Structures – Site Investigation Work Completed, Final Design and Cost Estimates are Being Developed by SCTSA
- Kenny Lang: RIM Easement Tree Planting Completed
- Sally Holm: CRP Contract Tree Planting Completed
- Bob Eickhoff: Windbreak Tree Planting Completed
- Brian Mathiowetz: Windbreak Tree Planting Completed
- Brown County: Landfill Tree Planting Completed
- GBERBA: Keith Brekken: Water and Sediment Control Basin – Construction Completed

2016 RIM 2014 FLOOD RESPONSE EASEMENTS FINALIZED

- 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

- Hosted three landowner workshops in March
- Presentation on Buffer Law at Del Monte's Annual Growers Meeting
- Mailings to Brown County landowners affected by the Buffer Law
- Maintained internal database and BuffCAT database for tracking compliance
- Adopted an Other Waters List for inclusion in the local water plan
- Provided technical assistance to landowners to reach compliance status or waiver status

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

- Billboard Advertisements from May to August at three locations in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye
- Pull The Plug Newspaper Ads placed in all Brown County Newspapers from May to September
- Attended Lake Association Meetings and Events As Requested

WRAPS, ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

- Completed the Middle MN WRAPS Civic Engagement project as contracted with MPCA
- Began the pre-WRAPS planning process for the upcoming WRAPS in the Cottonwood watershed with all watershed partners involved and RCRC as the project manager
- Approved a Resolution to Support a Watonwan Watershed One Watershed, One Plan Project
- Watonwan Watershed One Watershed One Plan grant was approved and staff began attending Steering Committee meetings for the grant project

PROGRAMS

- Tree Sales (58 Customers)
- Water Table and Well Readings
- Rain Gauge Program
- RIM Program Site Checks
- State Cost Share Spot Checks
- RIM Program Ownership Changes
- Wetlands Conservation Act – TEP Panel
- RIM Program Conservation Plan Changes

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATION AND/OR SUPPORT

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