



Targeted Well Sealing in Rice County



Clean Water Funds: 2013

Clean Water Grant	\$31,500
Leveraged Funds*	\$7,875
Total Project Budget	\$39,375

* Leveraged Funds include

Targeted Water:
Groundwater

Project Sponsor:
Rice County Environmental Services

Grant Period:
January 2013—December 2015

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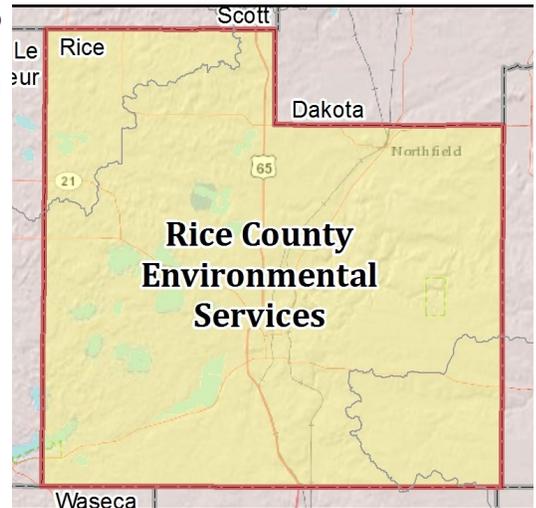


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Project Narrative

The goal of this project is to reduce the number of vulnerable unused wells located within sensitive areas and to prevent potential groundwater contamination. This project will provide cost-share well sealing funds to target sealing of unused wells located in highly vulnerable areas within both the City of Faribault, and the City of Northfield's Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA), and other vulnerable areas of Rice County.

Rice County staff will implement a cost-share well sealing program to increase the number of wells sealed within the county. Staff will target unused wells currently deemed highly vulnerable within existing Wellhead Protection Implementation Plans and encourage those property owners to seal unused wells by providing cost-share funding for well sealing. An application screening process will include: wells within DWSMAs, wells in the same aquifer as one or more nearby public water supply wells, large diameter wells and multi-aquifer wells.



Proposed Outcomes:

This project will protect groundwater by sealing up to 10 wells in Drinking Water Supply Areas.

Actual Outcomes:

Project in Progress