



# Winona County Water Well Sealing



## Clean Water Funds: 2011

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| Clean Water Grant    | \$30,000 |
| Leveraged Funds*     | \$9,000  |
| Total Project Budget | \$39,000 |

\* Leveraged Funds include required 25% local match

### Targeted Water:

County/Watershed Wide

### Project Sponsor:

Winona County

### Grant Period:

January 2011 - December 2012

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## Project Narrative

The Winona County Well Sealing Costshare Program will utilize Clean Water Funds to speed water well sealing in a continuing effort to protect the groundwater aquifers used for drinking water in Southeast Minnesota. Since 1990, 1303 unused water supply wells have been sealed in Winona County with costs ranging from \$500-\$10,000+ per well. This costshare program will provide some financial assistance to well owners in protecting a shared resource.

Permanently sealing unused wells blocks contaminants from having uncontrolled pathways into our groundwater, which otherwise allow contaminated stormwater to enter our groundwater systems. This is essential to the long term protection and management of Minnesota's water supplies. The quantity and quality of groundwater located in Southeast Minnesota will only increase in importance to the state for future generations. Money spent to encourage the sealing of unused water wells is an "ounce of prevention" when compared to the cost to clean up contaminated water supplies.

