

Cottonwood

Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meeting: 4th Thursday at 8 p.m.
April, May, Oct; 9:30 a.m. Nov.-March June -
Sept*

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality concerns throughout Cottonwood County with a focus on the Des Moines and Watonwan River Watersheds.
2. Soil and water protection through residue management.
3. Feedlot runoff and manure application.
4. Groundwater protection as defined by the Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA) in Cottonwood County.
5. Soil loss county wide through water and wind erosion.

2008 Revenue

Cottonwood County	\$97,300
State	\$71,141
Federal	\$500
Charges for services	\$41,140
Local - GBERBA	\$109,145
Other	\$3,819
Total	\$323,045

Recent Projects



Education: The key to our Future!

Pictured above is Cottonwood SWCD Technician David Bucklin with Mountain Lake kindergarten and first grade classes learning about watersheds.

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

As of June 2006 the Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District has contracted with the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) to allow Kay Clark and David Bucklin to assume the roles of Administrative Coordinator and Technical Coordinator for the Alliance. These positions give the Cottonwood SWCD an opportunity to work closely with the SWCD and county staff in eight participating counties located in the basin.

In 2009 GBERBA was awarded \$458,445.00 dollars in competitive grant funds!

Special Clean Water Legacy Funds for Cottonwood County

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers- Clean Water Legacy Funds (08)	\$ 41,300
GBERBA CWL Funds (07-08)	<u>\$179,566</u>

Total \$220,866

Channel Repair Project

Pictured below is a recent channel repair/protection project adjacent to Mountain Lake. This project has prevented tons of sediment from washing into the lake. The project was funded through the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance.



Future Projects

Reinvest in Minnesota

The Reinvest in Minnesota Clean Water Fund –Riparian Buffer Program was rolled out in late 2009. Acceptance by landowners has been very positive and the Cottonwood SWCD expects this to be a very successful program in 2010.

Nutrient Management

The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance Nutrient Management Specialist Annalie Plaetz, is housed in the Cottonwood SWCD Office. Covering an area of nine counties in South Central Minnesota, the Nutrient Management Specialist position was created to offer no cost nutrient planning, soil and manure testing, to area producers. From inception in 2007, the nutrient management position has designed nutrient/manure management plans covering 8,500 acres. In December, 2009, this position received funding from MPCA for a one year extension. With these funds, the goal is to coordinate a basin wide nutrient management education program and write 25 new nutrient management plans.



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