

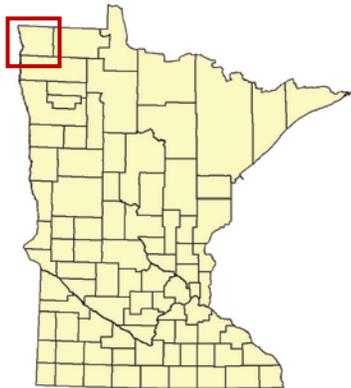
Kittson

Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meeting: Second Thursday of
Month at 8 a.m.*



Recent Projects

A streambank stabilization project on the South Branch Two Rivers was constructed on this DNR public watercourse in Percy Township. The site was unstable and hazardous to the local residents and their homes; the banks were a vertical drop ranging up to 30 feet. The banks were reshaped, mulched, seeded to grasses and some rock riprap was used to stabilize the side slopes. The contractor who completed the project was Glenn Anderson and the total project cost was \$32,357. Cost-Share funds were provided by Minnesota State Cost-Share money and the federally funded Environmental Quality Incentives Program.



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Reduce soil erosion from wind and water.
2. Maintain and improve water quality.
3. Flood Damage Reduction.
4. Educate the public on natural resources issue.
5. Promote wildlife habitat/management.

2008 Revenue

Wetland Conservation Act	\$18,737
Planning/other local water management duties	\$41,770
Programs and Operations	\$124,423
Education/Outreach	\$3,000
Cost Share/project construction, implementation and maintenance	\$10,000
Total	\$197,930

Recent projects (continued)

Sixty wells have been sealed through the Kittson SWCD since 2000 with a combination of funding from EQIP, State Cost-Share and CLWP Cost-Share.

The Local Water Management Plan for Kittson is in its fourth generation. The Kittson SWCD houses the LWP Coordinator and has been involved with the planning and implementation process since the first plan was adopted in 1990. Kittson SWCD staff and supervisors make up a portion of the Water Resources Advisory Committee. This committee has continued to develop, approve and implement new programs that are locally driven. The local water plan has given financial assistance to best management practices that are implemented throughout Kittson County.

Rain gauge monitoring is done by 25 volunteers who report rainfall amounts from April through October each year. The information is compiled through the SWCD office and forwarded to the Minnesota Climatology Office. This is essential baseline data acquired for Kittson County through the help of volunteer landowners.

Educational events include the Envirothon, the Northwest Minnesota Water Festival, Arbor Day presentations, Riverwatch, Crop Improvement and Kittson County Fair booths and career days at local schools.

Future Projects

The Kittson SWCD is currently working with landowners in the sealing of 10 wells.

The SWCD will provide Geographic Information Systems assistance to Kittson County. The SWCD will be creating and making available many useful layers to county departments and the public. Layers will include commissioner districts, SWCD supervisor districts, feedlot layer, gravel pit layer, sealed and unsealed well layer.

A streambank stabilization project in a nearby cemetery will be survey and designed in the near future.

Continue assistance/teamwork with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) on their Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) projects and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) projects.

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