

**BIG STONE SWCD
2010—2011
COOPERATIVE
WEED
MANAGEMENT AREA**

Grant Awarded
CWMA—\$15,000

Funds Returned to State
Type \$
Date Fund Returned:

Grant Period (incl. extensions)
From: 01/01/2010
To: 12/31/2011

**Expenditures by
Category**

Technical Assistance Funds

Big Stone SWCD	\$2,140
-----------------------	---------

Independent T/A	\$1,000
------------------------	---------

Total TA Funds	<u>\$3,140</u>
-----------------------	----------------

Implementation of Funds

Marketing/ education, brochures	\$1,561
--	---------

Chemical cost- share to land- owners	\$45
---	------

Equipment, licenses	\$4,227
--------------------------------	---------

Total Implemen- tation Funding	<u>\$6,027</u>
---	----------------

Total Expenditures	\$15,000
-------------------------------	----------

PROJECT CONTACT

Tammy Neubauer
320.839.6149 ext. 3
tammy.neubauer@mn.nacdnet.net

**Big Stone County Cooperative Weed Management Area
2010—2011**



Overall Project Description

The Big Stone CWMA was formed in 2010 to reduce environmental and economic threats posed by invasive plants to the grasslands of the County, through education, documentation, treatment, monitoring and possible reseeding. Cost-Share dollars at 50% are available to landowners for eradication of invasive weeds. A 10% grant balance of \$1,500 will be forwarded to the District from BWSR upon completion of the grant period and all applicable reports filed. The CWMA identified areas of noxious weeds to be sprayed in 2011. The workshops, radio programs, newspaper articles and Sports & Leisure show made Big Stone County landowners aware of these invasive weeds, how to identify them and who to contact for help eradicating them.

The CWMA grant was implemented beginning in 2010—the remaining specifics are reported in the 2010 Grant Reporting—Big Stone CWMA.

The Big Stone SWMA is joining with Traverse County to apply for a CWMA grant for 2012. This would allow the group to continue work that the 2010 grant started, and follow the progress and results of the weed treatment completed in 2010 and 2011.

Contributing Partners

Partner	Description	Project Contribution	Leveraged Funds
US Fish & Wildlife Service	<u>Provide GPS equipment</u> Brochures	<u>Trimble Nomad</u> Payment for printing-cash	<u>Equipment \$800</u> \$525 \$24,800
USFWS-Big Stone	In kind	In kind	\$5,200
Pheasant Forever	In kind	In kind	\$4191.75
DNR	In kind	In kind	\$47,750
Big Stone County Hwy Dept.	In Kind	In kind	\$178,840.16
NRCS	In kind	In kind	\$375
FSA	In kind	In kind	\$225
Big Stone SWCD	In kind	In kind	\$2,050
MNDOT	In kind	In kind	\$18,608

Project Informational/Educational Activities

Type of Activity	Newsletters, Brochures, Posters, Etc.	Tours, Demos, Etc.	Presentations Given	Presentations by guest speakers	Other
Radio program			Public service announcements	T. Issendorf D. Welle K. Leddy T. Wild	
Weed Workshop	Brochures, displays, sign ups	Power point demonstrations	Dow-Agrosciences, Pheasants Forever, Private Landowners, SWCDs	T. Issendorf D. Welle M. Christensen L. Brooks M. Watland	
Sports & Leisure Show	Brochures, display, demos				

Project Outcomes

The CWMA grant has given the SWCD the opportunity to gather landowners and local agencies together to cooperatively work on getting the word out on invasive weeds. Early detection is one of the main goals of our group and with this grant, we have been able to educate the concerned landowners in the County of the problems associated with invasive weeds.

The CWMA has purchased an ATV, sprayer and trailer to help landowners control invasive weeds on private land and in public right-of-ways. The CWMA has also purchased chemical for the eradication of weeds. The CWMA helped pay an intern for the summer months to identify and treat invasive weeds. Each supporting in-kind entity provided maps of weed treated areas and the in-kind contribution to the CWMA.

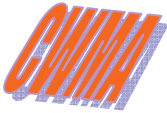
The CWMA provided a local workshop for landowners to help educate about the weeds that the CWMA is focusing on for eradication. The group also helped landowners identify and report to the CWMA any areas of invasive weeds, and methods of treatment.

Project Photos, Additional Maps, or Conservation Practice Designs



Fighting the Weeds

**Big Stone
County**



of Tomorrow, Today

