



News from the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

The voice of Minnesota's SWCDs

Showcasing the important work of SWCDs: Watch our new video!

Exciting news: today, we're releasing a brand new educational video that showcases the important and diverse range of work that SWCD supervisors and staff do each day in partnership with landowners across our beautiful state – and you're one of the first to see it!

Watch the video [here](#):



A special thanks to the Crow Wing, Dakota, Lake, Mower and Renville SWCD staff and landowners who took time out of their busy schedules to be featured in this video. These locations highlight the geographical diversity and wide range of projects that SWCDs work on.

As your state association, MASWCD is committed to providing you with valuable tools and resources to help educate landowners, legislators, and others in your community about the value and expertise of SWCDs.

As the 2018 election nears and SWCD supervisors will be on ballots across the state, we encourage you to share this video widely! You can also find it posted on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Registration now open for the 2018 MASWCD Annual Convention!

Register today! The 2018 MASWCD Annual Convention will be held on December 9-11 at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington-Minneapolis South hotel](#) in Bloomington. The three-day convention will include recognition for outstanding SWCDs and individuals, information relevant to our work, breakout sessions, a trade show and silent auction, and a keynote address from renowned soil health expert Dr. Robin “Buz” Kloot of the University of South Carolina.

New this year: You can register online! [Click here for additional information and registration.](#)

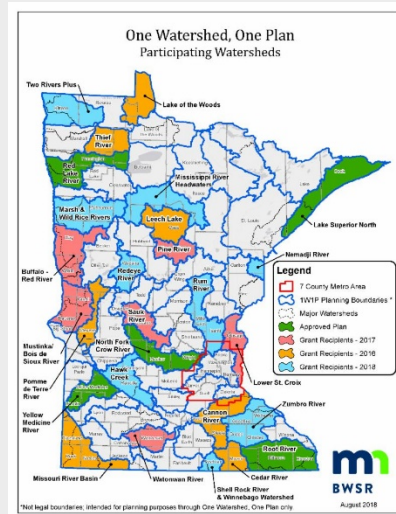
In the coming weeks, we’ll announce more speakers and additions to the program. Stay tuned!



SWCDs collaborate on One Watershed, One Plan grants

Last month, nine new watershed planning grants were awarded to SWCDs and our local government partners. The state grants, administered by the Board of Water and Soil Resources, are part of the *One Watershed, One Plan* program and represents the continued collaborative efforts of SWCDs, counties and watershed districts.

We are especially grateful to SWCD supervisors and staff who have played an active role in partnering with stakeholders to achieve protection and restoration of the state's valuable water resources.



The nine new grants are:

- **Hawk Creek watershed**, which includes parts of Chippewa, Kandiyohi, and Renville counties.
- **Joe River and Two Rivers watershed**, which includes parts of Kittson and Roseau counties.
- **Mississippi River Headwaters watershed**, which includes parts of Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Itasca counties.
- **Nemadji watershed**, which includes parts of Carlton and Pine counties.
- **Redeye River watershed**, which includes parts of Becker, Otter Tail, Todd, and Wadena counties.
- **Rum River watershed**, which includes parts of Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec Mille Lacs, Morrison, and Sherburne counties.
- **Shell Rock River and Winnebago watershed**, which includes part of Freeborn County.
- **Wild Rice and Marsh River watershed**, which includes parts of Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnomon, and Norman counties.
- **Zumbro River watershed**, which includes parts of Dodge, Goodhue, Olmsted, Rice, and Wabasha counties.

The *One Watershed, One Plan* program is rooted in the work initiated in 2010 by the MASWCD, the Association of Minnesota Counties, and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts.

For additional information about the *One Watershed, One Plan* program and a map of the participating watersheds, visit the [MN BWSR website](#).

SWCDs in the news

Soil and water conservation districts from around the state are making headlines! Check out these recent stories:

- [**A revitalized waterway: Conservation district restores 4,500 feet of Sargent Creek**](#) | Duluth News Tribune
- [**Farmers in southern Minn. test soil health with buried undies**](#) | MPR News
- [**Nerstrand farmers honored for conservation efforts**](#) | Northfield News
- [**New initiative for conservation planning in Root River watershed**](#) | Bluff Country News
- [**Conservation award given to local farm**](#) | Fergus Falls Daily Journal
- [**Historic duck camp tradition lives on: Conservation easements will keep shoreline undeveloped to protect wild rice**](#) | Brainerd Dispatch
- [**Seven Mile Creek watershed hosts cover crop discussion**](#) | Mankato Free Press
- [**Improving water quality takes a community**](#) | Aitkin Age



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