

Chapter Three: Ongoing Activities

This Chapter identifies other activities and programs that make up the Local Water Management Program, but are not necessarily reflected in the priority concerns section (or the County's Scoping Document).

There are many agencies in Minnesota at the local, regional, state and federal levels that are involved with water and land use issues either in a regulatory capacity, or through an education and information development role. Programs administered by various resource partners will continue to be used during this ten-year water plan: such as the local Environmental Office, the Planning and Zoning Office, and the Soil and Water Conservation District; state agencies, such as the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the University of Minnesota extension Service; and federal agencies, such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency.

The following is a list of ongoing activities in Yellow Medicine County:

- Publish newsletters, news articles, and news releases to address water quality, water quantity, and conservation issues and concerns.
- Promote recycling and solid waste management.
- Provide well testing kits for the public.
- Continue to promote and staff the Household Hazardous Waste drop off site located in Clarkfield.
- Continue to enforce the Yellow Medicine County Feedlot Ordinance and assist producers with feedlot questions.
- Provide low interest loans for septic system upgrades through the watersheds Clean Water Partnerships.
- Administer the Shoreland and Floodplain Management Program.
- Work with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture as a testing site for commercial pesticide applicators.
- Continue to require permits and inspections for all newly installed septic systems.
- Select a conservation farmer.
- Participate in the MASWCD poster and essay contest.
- Set up displays at the fair, banks, restaurants, family resource fairs, etc.
- Distribute educational material to each grade level (Pre-school-6) in the county and conduct a presentation in each classroom.

- Sponsor a student to attend Long Lake Conservation Camp.
- Work with the SWMACDE to sponsor an Environmental Fair for all 6th graders.
- Distribute an education newsletter twice a year to all teachers, scout leaders, 4H leaders, etc.
- Promote soil stewardship week.
- Hold conservation days for all 5th graders in the county.
- Hold a field day for all 2nd grade students at Bert Raney School.
- Assist and promote the SWMACDE Area Envirothon and the State Envirothon.
- Work with Pezuta Zizi Environmental and Cultural Learning and Resource Center to present the Rocky Creek Ecosystem for the 5th and 6th graders at Bert Raney and H. A. Hagg Schools. Continue to serve on the Pezuta Zizi Board.
- Hold a mini Envirothon for Junior High Students.
- Develop promotional presentation for local organizations.
- Offer a scholarship to a graduating student majoring in natural resources, age or a related field.
- Provide assistance in implementing the Federal Farm Program. (SWCD)
- Continue to Administer the 1991 Wetland Conservation Act. (SWCD)
- Continue to monitor groundwater observation wells designated by DNR. (SWCD)
- Continue to comment on DNR water permits. (SWCD)
- Participate in the state rainfall-monitoring program by selecting rainfall monitors to record daily precipitation. (SWCD)
- Yellow Medicine County has designated the entire county as a high priority wetland preservation area. The county will continue to accept and process eligible applications for wetland preservation on a countywide basis.
- The Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Plan will be updated and is scheduled to be completed in 2006. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Ordinance will also be updated.

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