



2014 Natural Resources Block Grant

Fillmore County, MN

Natural Resources Block Grant Awarded for FY 2014 & 2015

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| Local Water Management | \$14,278 |
| Wetland Conservation Act | \$ 8,778 |
| DNR Shoreland Admin. Grant | \$ 2,692 |
| SSTS (Septic System Program) | \$18,600 |
| Feedlot Base Grant | \$77,836 |
| TOTAL | \$122,184 |

Grant Period (including extensions)

From: November 20, 2013
To: December 31, 2016

Funds Returned to State

Type \$0 Date Fund Returned: N/A

The Natural Resources Block Grant combines five base grants into one agreement between the County and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). All of the grants help to carry out the goals of the Fillmore County Local Water Management Plan.

The DNR Shoreland Program, MPCA Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Program, and the MPCA Feedlot Program Base Grant are all administered by the Fillmore County Zoning Office. The administration of the Local Water Management Plan and the Wetland Conservation Act has been delegated by the County to the Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

The Natural Resources Block Grant is a non-competitive grant awarded to all counties with a Local Water Management Plan that has been locally adopted and BWSR approved. The amount awarded to each county varies based on tax base or workload for a particular program. There are required cash and/or in-kind matches for all the grants except the SSTS grant.

Natural Resources Block Grant Expenditures in 2014

| GRANT PROGRAM | | GRANT EXPENDITURE | CASH MATCH | LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Local Water Management | FY13 GRANT | \$ 9,206.76 | | — |
| | FY14 GRANT | \$ 8,511.71 | \$ 6,862.00 | |
| Wetland Conservation Act Administration | FY13 GRANT | \$ 4,919.00 | | |
| | FY14 GRANT | \$ 133.46 | \$ 4,389.00 | \$ 941.05 |
| DNR Shoreland Ordinance Administration | FY14 GRANT | \$ 2,692.00 | — | \$ 3,477.21 |
| SSTS (Septic System Program Administration) | FY14 GRANT | \$ 18,600.00 | — | \$ 34,382.15 |
| Feedlot Program Base Grant | FY14 GRANT | \$ 77,836.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 44,485.20 |
| Total Expenditures | FY13 GRANT | \$ 14,125.76 | \$ 21,251.00 | \$ 83,285.61 |
| | FY14 GRANT | \$ 107,673.17 | | |

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The Fillmore County Local Water Management Plan for 2006-2015 was reviewed after five years of implementation and amended in 2010. The amendment was approved by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources on December 15, 2010 and adopted by the Fillmore County Board of Commissioners on February 1, 2011, as authorized under MN Statutes Chapter 103B.301. Fillmore County is among the 13 LGUs that have

signed a Memorandum of Agreement to transition from county-based water management to watershed-based water management by participating in the Root River One Watershed, One Plan Pilot Project.

*Prepared by Fillmore SWCD
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2013 Natural Resources Block Grant

Natural Resources Block Grant Activities as reported in eLINK

Local Water Management Base Grant: The Water Management Committee met four times, including 2 Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings and 2 Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Topics discussed during these meetings included a CWF Stormwater mini-grant, SE MN Lysimeter Network, Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network (WPLMN), 2013 monitoring activities, Root River Field to Stream Partnership (FSP), and the Root River Citizens' Group. Guest speakers included Donna Rasmussen, Jennifer Ronnenberg, and Dawn Bernau with the Fillmore SWCD, and Kevin Kuehner with MDA. SE MN WRAC/WRB and BALMM meetings were attended by the County and SWCD to aid in the management of the region's water resources. One sampling round for the Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring project (now referred to as the Domestic Well Network) was completed in August. A groundwater presentation was given to kids of various ages at the Mabel Library in August. A presentation was given to Kingsland 3rd graders (2 classes) for the Ag in the Classroom program. The SWCD assisted with the development and progress of the National Trout Center as a member of the NTC Technical Advisory Committee (Chair) and Board of Directors. The Fillmore SWCD Water Quality Laboratory analyzed roughly 155 bacteria samples for drinking water and surface water. The SWCD was extremely busy with monitoring activities for the Root River Field to Stream Partnership, Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network, Continuous Nitrate sampling, etc. Winter snow melt and spring rains were some of the worst in recent memory. These conditions made monitoring activities challenging, and required many hours to complete.

Wetland Conservation Act Administration: 58 landowner contacts. 6 no-loss decisions. 2 exemption decisions (1 ag exemption impacting 315,000 acres and 1 drainage exemption impacting 0 acres). 4 potential WCA violations investigated; 0 enforcement actions. Staff attended Annual MN Wetland Conference, WCA Administrative Training, Wetland Hydrology Indicators Training, and WCA 101 Training.

DNR Shoreland Administration: Two conditional use permits were processed. Worked with the SWCD on re-enrollments for buffers. The Shoreland ordinance was reviewed for changes—no changes needed.

MPCA SSTS Program Administration: The Fillmore County Zoning Office issued 79 septic system permits in 2013. It is estimated that 97.1% of the 3,473 individual septic systems in the county are in compliance. There have been 97 Amish grey water systems identified in 2013 that will be addressed in 2014. The annual report was submitted to MPCA with other details about the program's administration.

MPCA Feedlot Program Base Grant: All feedlot reports submitted by the County to the MPCA can be viewed at <http://www.co.fillmore.mn.us/zoning/275-bswr-nrbg-grant-reporting>