



FY 2016/2017 Natural Resources Block Grant

Fillmore SWCD

Natural Resources Block Grant Awarded for FY 2016 & 2017

Local Water Management	\$14,278
Wetland Conservation Act	\$ 8,778
DNR Shoreland Admin. Grant	\$ 2,746
SSTS (Septic System Program)	\$18,600
SSTS Incentives	\$ 7,459
SSTS Upgrade	\$28,114
TOTAL /year	\$79,975

Grant Period (including extensions)

From: November 25, 2015
To: December 31, 2018

Funds Returned to State

Type: \$0 Date Fund Returned:

The Natural Resources Block Grant combines six 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 and MPCA Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Program grants are administered by the Fillmore County Zoning Office. The administration of the Local Water Management Plan and the Wetland Conservation Act grants 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 as of December 31, 2018

GRANT PROGRAM		GRANT EXPENDITURE	CASH MATCH	LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH
Local Water Management	FY16GRANT	\$ 14,278.00	\$ 6,862.00	—
	FY17GRANT	\$ 14,278.00	\$ 6,862.00	—
Wetland Conservation Act Administration	FY16 GRANT	\$ 8,778.00	\$ 4,389.00	\$ 4,389.00
	FY17 GRANT	\$ 8,778.00	\$ 4,389.00	\$ 4,389.00
DNR Shoreland Ordinance Administration	FY16 GRANT FY17 GRANT	See Fillmore County Reports	—	\$ 0
SSTS (Septic System Program Administration)	FY16 GRANT FY17 GRANT	See Fillmore County Reports	—	—
SSTS Incentives	FY16 GRANT	See Fillmore County Reports	—	—
SSTS Upgrade	FY16 GRANT	See Fillmore County Reports	—	—
Total Expenditures	FY16 GRANT	\$ 23,056.00	\$ 11,251.00	\$ 4,389.00
	FY17 GRANT	\$ 23,056.00	\$ 11,251.00	\$ 4,389.00

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The Fillmore County Local Water Management Plan for 2006-2015 was amended in 2010. The amendment was approved by the MN BWSR 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 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 (1W1P) Pilot Project. The water plan was extended to December 31, 2016, to allow completion of 1W1P. The Root River 1W1P Implementation Plan was approved by the 13-member Policy Committee on December 19, 2016. A Joint Powers Agreement was approved in 2017 by all 13 LGUs in the Root River 1W1P planning area for shared implementation of the plan.



2016/17 Natural Resources Block Grant

Natural Resources Block Grant Activities as reported in eLINK

Local Water Management Base Grant:

2016 Activities: The bacteria lab analyzed 118 well water samples and 67 stream samples for total coliform and E.coli bacteria. An internal audit was completed as well as the biennial external audit on 3/3/16. Annual state certification was completed on 11/23/16. Bi-annual proficiency testing, QA/QC, supplies and maintenance expenses were ongoing throughout the year. Staff maintained successful operation of the bacteria lab, attendance at MNWRB and BALMM meetings; attended Wellhead Protection meeting in Spring Valley on 11/28/16 and Chatfield on 11/29/16; Upper Iowa cooperative sampling on 5 separate dates; ongoing WCA TEP member; attended relevant staff training events. 2016 appropriation to the SE MN Water Resources Board paid from the LWM county levy match. Staff time: Approx. 155hrs (FY16) and 105 hrs. (FY17) @ \$50.08

2017: Maintained operation of the bacteria lab (QA/QC, 112 bacteria samples analyzed, internal audit, 2 Proficiency Tests completed and passed, nitrate screening samples analyzed for private wells). Lab supplies purchased and equipment maintenance: calibrate thermometers, Quanti-cult, pipette tips, sample bottles, gloves, sterile water, comparator, etc. Also postage for mailing kits and annual lab certification fee. All totaling \$3202.25 Lab Staff time: 37.5 hrs @\$51.57 and 114 hrs @ \$38.60.

Attended SE MN WRAC meetings. Served on the WCA TEP. Attended Wellhead Protection meetings and/or reviewed plans for seven cities. Staff time: 50.5 hrs @\$51.57 and 114 hrs @ \$38.60 paid from this grant; remaining hrs paid from flex funds from 2016 WCA grant.

All funds spent; Financial Report approved by the Fillmore County Board and submitted in eLINK.

Wetland Conservation Act Administration:

2016: All 2016 WCA activities were funded by the FY15 WCA Grant.

2017: Due to a resignation of Jennifer Ronnenberg, Water Management Coordinator and TEP member, Caleb Fischer transferred into that position from the WCA Administrator but remains a member of the TEP. Scott Christenson was hired as the Conservation Technician/WCA Administrator in May but resigned in June. Aaren Mathison filled the position starting 7/31/17. There were 45 landowner contacts in 2017, three applications, and one exemption approved. Three potential violations were investigated. Four meetings were held with Wabasha SWCD and Winona SWCD, Winona County and the city of Winona about a WCA shared staff position. Wabasha and Fillmore SWCDs signed an agreement for a shared position to begin 1/1/18. See WCA Annual Report attached in eLINK for other WCA activities in 2017. Staff hours: 12 hrs @\$51.57, 83.5hrs @\$38.60, 46.5hrs @\$31.73, 77hrs @ \$55.31 (portion for inkind match).

2018: Monthly WCA meetings were held with the Wabasha SWCD shared staff person and the Fillmore SWCD WCA Administrator either in person or by phone. TEP members (Water Management Coordinator, SWCD Administrator, BWSR Wetland Specialist) attended meetings as needed. In addition to NOAs and NODs and other annual report activities (attached in eLINK), WCA grant reporting and the PRAP for WCA were also completed.

Staff 154 hours @ \$45.27/hour = \$6971.58; FY16 WCA grant = \$4421.03, FY17 WCA County Match = \$2550.55

All funds spent; Financial Report approved by the Fillmore County Board 1/22/19 and submitted in eLINK.

DNR Shoreland Administration: See reports submitted by Fillmore County Zoning Office

MPCA SSTS Program Administration Grants: See reports submitted by Fillmore County Zoning Office