



## CWF Soil Erosion Compliance Grant Protecting Highly Erodible Lands with Conservation Planning

### Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District

**Clean Water Fund Grant  
Awarded** \$ 145,000

**Grant Period** (incl. extensions)  
From: March 21, 2014  
To: December 31, 2016

**Funds Returned to State**  
Type \$0  
Date Fund Returned: N/A

#### Expenditures by Budget Category

July 1, 2014— December 31, 2014

<b>Administration/ Coordination</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Technical and Engineering</b>	\$ 13,668.53
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 13,668.53
<b>Balance 12/31/14</b>	\$ 131,331.47

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These grant funds will be funding a Conservation Planning Specialist with a goal of updating approximately 400 USDA Highly Erodible Land (HEL) Conservation Plans covering 40,000 acres over the course of the grant. This position will assist producers to have an updated conservation plan that they are following and are in compliance with soil loss tolerance levels as part of the Farm Bill compliance and Fillmore County Soil loss ordinance. The planning process offers an opportunity to identify conservation needs and implement practices that reduce soil erosion on the agricultural land and benefit downstream water quality.

The focus will be on high priority areas within the Root River watershed. Previous efforts had been focused on the three MRBI watersheds (Watson, Upper South Fork Root River/Wisel Creek, and Rush-Pine) which will still have work continued to complete those watersheds. Other priority areas for this project include the MDA Field to Stream Partnership (FSP) watersheds and the Conservation Opportunity Areas (COAs) identified in the Root River Landscape Plan. Ongoing priorities include completion of conservation plans on



### Outputs and Outcomes

Outputs:

2014 Results (July-December): During this time the Conservation Planning Specialist updated 57 conservation plans for 27 different producers. These updated plans covered 4,785.3 acres of cropland and will have potentially save 37.8 tons of soil and also reduced phosphorus by 1687 lbs. Through these updates producers have talked further with other conservation technicians in the office on waterway needs and repairs along with any other conservation practice needs.

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