



FY2016 Healthy Forests for Healthy Water Grant

**Fillmore
Soil and Water
Conservation District**

BWSR Grant Awarded
\$ 50,000

Grant Period (incl. extensions)
From: August 26, 2015
To: December 31, 2018

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

**Expenditures by
Category**

As of 12/31/2018

Administration/ Coordination	
Project Development	
Technical and Engineering	
Implementation	\$ 50,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 50,000.00



**CLEAN
WATER
LAND &
LEGACY
AMENDMENT**

The MN DNR initially contracted with Fillmore SWCD to implement the Healthy Forests for Healthy Water project targeted to priority areas in the Riceford Creek and Rush-Pine Creek watersheds where high conservation value parcels with forest and grass cover have been identified. From that DNR agreement, \$50,000 were transferred to BWSR for cost share and incentive payments to landowners in those watersheds to implement practices on tracts deemed important for maintaining water quality, wildlife habitat and forest management. Landowners with existing Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP) that needed updating and implementation assistance were the first to be contacted. Forest Stewardship Planning, both new plans and plan updates, are a potential first step in understanding individual tracts, landowner interests and management needs/opportunities. Conservation practice plans (CPP) were developed by forestry consultants to provide necessary information for agency program administrators to allocate cost-share funds and give adequate guidance for the landowner or contractor to implement the activity. Additional parcels will be identified based on perennial land cover, proximity to waterways and runoff/erosion risk identified by LiDAR derived Terrain Analysis. Other factors to consider are relationship to riparian areas, sinkholes and proximity to existing critical habitat.

Outputs and Outcomes

Outputs:
2015: Five contracts have been encumbered totaling \$8,212.50: 8.9 acres of pre-commercial thinning (2 contracts), 10.2 acres moderate invasive species management, 8.9 acres heavy invasive species management, and one pond cleanout.
2016: Two contracts for invasive species management (19.2 acres) and two contracts for pre-commercial thinning (2.9 acres) were completed and paid in 2016 totaling \$5,512.50. Contracts for a pond cleanout, forest road improvement and a 201-acre forest stewardship plan were approved in 2016.
2017: Ten contracts were approved in 2017 (one of which was cancelled). Contracts completed and paid: two for 40.8 acres of invasive species management, two for 5340' of forest road improvement, and one pond cleanout.
2018: One contract approved in 2018. Contracts completed and paid: two for 40.5 acres of invasive species management, one for 7025' forest road improvement, one for 19.2 acres of forest stand improvement (crop tree release), one for 275 tree seedlings planted, and one for 110-acre Forest Stewardship Plan.
 Financial Report signed by Fillmore SWCD Board 9/13/18; attached in eLINK.

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The Root River Landscape Stewardship Plan identifies Conservation Opportunity Areas of high biodiversity in the watershed where “sustainable activities on the ground, on all lands, public and private ... improve the overall health of natural resources in the watershed.”