One Watershed, One Plan: Key role of SWCDs

Earlier this fall, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR) approved $24 million in funding for local water quality priorities developed through a comprehensive watershed management planning program called One Watershed, One Plan. This marks a major milestone in our state’s movement toward more coordinated, watershed-based approaches to water resource management. Soil and water conservation districts played a critical role in developing the One Watershed, One Plan program and will continue to be involved in leading these comprehensive plans at the local level.

“With implementation funding now available, we’ve truly reached a turning point in our efforts to accelerate local water management,” said Roland Cleveland, MASWCD board president. “Our influence as part of the Local Government Water Roundtable laid the groundwork for this program. We will continue to collaborate with our watershed partners to sustainably manage and protect Minnesota’s water resources.” Read more.

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If you plan to join us for the 2019 MASWCD Annual Convention & Trade Show, you can register now.
MASWCD Annual Convention & Trade Show  
Dec. 8-10, 2019  
DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota

From grassroots initiatives to innovative conservation practices, the convention will provide attendees with new ideas that can be implemented across the state. The annual event includes business meetings, a keynote address, informational sessions, a trade show, and recognition of outstanding SWCDs and individuals. This year’s keynote speaker is David Horsager, a Minnesota native who speaks nationally and internationally about how trust impacts the success of organizations. We hope this session will be especially valuable this year as districts work with private landowners and other partners to implement One Watershed, One Plan.

Local conservation leaders explore policymaking in Governance 101 session

Nearly 80 local leaders joined MASWCD and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) for a crash course in policymaking, state statutes, board leadership and building relationships with local stakeholders. This two-day training session, offered each year, is a great learning and networking opportunity for newly elected SWCD supervisors.

Get to know the MASWCD Board: Paul Krabbenhoft

This month we’re getting to know MASWCD Vice President Paul Krabbenhoft, who represents Northwest Area 1 and serves as a Clay SWCD supervisor.

Learn more about Paul, a longtime family farmer and real estate agent, in this Q&A.

SWCDs in the news

Soil and water conservation districts from around the state are making headlines! Check out these recent stories:

- Airborne tech helps fight waterborne pollution around Thief River Falls (Pennington SWCD) | Grand Forks Herald
- AmeriCorps plays central role in controlling noxious weeds (Fillmore
- **Farmers share impact of conservation with SWCDs** (Southeast Area VII SWCDs) | Faribault Daily News

- **Samuelson column: Digging into culvert issues a win for humans, nature** (Carlton SWCD) | Pine Journal

- **Kernza, water monitoring all part of clean water options** (Mower SWCD) | Agri News

- **Ridgeway farmers grow corn and covers — simultaneously** (Winona SWCD) | Winona Post

- **Hubbard County SWCD marks 50 years of service** | Park Rapids Enterprise

- **Ken LaPorte to be inducted in Pillager Hall of Fame** (Cass County SWCD) | Brainerd Dispatch

- **Becker County’s Marsha Watland named Minnesota Ag Inspector of the Year** | Detroit Lakes Tribune

- **Andresons named Becker County Conservationists of the Year** | Detroit Lakes Tribune

- **Love of the land: Beckers named county’s 2019 outstanding conservationists** (Rice SWCD) | Faribault Daily News

- **Gibbs couple named 2019 Le Sueur County Soil and Water Outstanding Conservationists** | Le Sueur County News

- **Minnesota recognizes Merrifield farmers’ efforts to protect water quality** (Crow Wing SWCD) | Brainerd Dispatch

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