2018 MASWCD Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol
March 12-13, 2018

Thanks to all who registered for our Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol, which is just five days away! Your participation in this event is vital as we communicate the value of SWCDs to state lawmakers.

We look forward to seeing you on March 12 and 13 in Saint Paul!

MASWCD’s 2018 leadership program visits Washington, D.C.

Last month, 23 conservation leaders from Minnesota visited in Washington, D.C., as part of a leadership development program sponsored by MASWCD. Program participants include locally elected SWCD supervisors, staff, and representatives from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

While in Washington, the group met with Minnesota lawmakers and federal officials, including staff from United States Department of Agriculture and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The Washington D.C. seminar is one of seven sessions that are part of MASWCD’s Leadership Program. The year-long program is designed to strengthen the leadership skills and capacity of local natural resource agencies to better serve the public and address the complex conservation issues found in communities throughout Minnesota.

Click here to view more photos from this trip.

MASWCD representatives attend national meeting in Nashville

A group of SWCD board members and staff from across Minnesota recently attended the
MASWCD President Beckstrom joins the NACD Soil Health Champions Network

We are pleased to announce that MASWCD president Kurt Beckstrom has joined the NACD Soil Health Champions Network. The goal of this initiative is to raise awareness and increase the adoption of soil health systems by landowners and managers across the country. NACD will use this initiative to increase the visibility of conservation districts’ leadership in locally led conservation.

MASWCD part of Senator Smith’s Ag Working Group

We are honored to be included on U.S. Senator Tina Smith’s newly-formed Ag Working Group, which will seek to ensure that Minnesota priorities are included in the upcoming debate over the federal Farm Bill.

SWCDs in the news

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

- [Read and speak your mind on water plan](#) | Hutchinson Leader
- ['Root River One Watershed, One Plan' to begin this year](#) | KIMT 3 News
- [National Association of Conservation Districts announce photo and poster contest winners](#) | High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal
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