

Resources for farmers in the Cannon River Watershed

Cannon River Agricultural Collaborative Farmer Resources Contact Sheet - September 2019

Cannon River Watershed Partnership

www.crowp.net

The Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP) is a non-profit organization that brings together multiple stakeholders to create and work toward a watershed with healthy soils; drinkable groundwater; and clean, fishable, and swimmable rivers, lakes, and streams.

CRWP staff develop and lead on-farm research and demonstrations, organize and facilitate events for farmers and landowners, and engage in community-wide healthy soil and water initiatives. Currently, CRWP also provides cost-share funds to farmers for clean water projects.



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Central Farm Service (CFS)

www.cfscoop.com

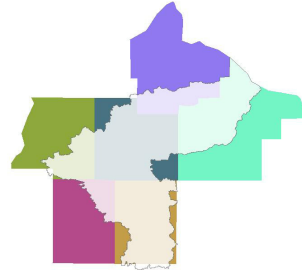
CFS is the leading full-service agricultural cooperative in the Cedar River area and the provider of precision agriculture service Central AdvantageGS. This service, and associated product NitrateNow, helps farmers understand their soil fertility, minimize the application of crop inputs, and improve yields. This approach applies the right amount of nutrients when and where the crops need it - which increases nutrient use efficiency, reduces potential loss into the watershed, and makes sure you are not paying for inputs that aren't needed. Data is collected, analyzed, and compiled each year to improve the accuracy and effectiveness of recommendations. Over 250,000 acres and 250 operations in southern Minnesota are enrolled in Central AdvantageGS and NitrateNow.



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Cannon River One Watershed One Plan

www.dakotacountyswcd.org/1w1p.html



The State of Minnesota One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program goal is to “align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans.” The Cannon River 1W1P planning process started when partners from six Counties, six Soil and Water Conservation Districts, one Watershed District and one Watershed Management Organization all came together. Currently, each local government unit is deciding on whether they will sign a joint powers agreement to establish a Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board (CRWJPB) in order to implement the plan in an efficient and transparent manner. The Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) identifies priority areas for implementation during the 10 year timeframe of the Plan. The Plan will allow for the CRWJPB to pursue grants and make those funds available to landowners in the watershed for priority projects and practices.

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Land O' Lakes SUSTAIN

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Land O'Lakes SUSTAIN is a leading conservation solutions provider, advancing and connecting stewardship efforts throughout the food system - from farmers to ag retailers to partners like food companies. Working with farmers and ag retailers, we harness technology and innovative thinking to drive productivity, economics, and environmental stewardship. Our Truterra Insights Engine is a first-of-its-kind technology platform that measures sustainability progress and trends, in real time, at the sub-field level. The platform creates a framework for continuous improvement while also benchmarking yield and profitability - ensuring customized and scalable on-farm conservation solutions. Join CFS and Land O'Lakes SUSTAIN to take advantage of this farmer-owned platform.



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Great River Greening

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Great River Greening inspires, engages, and leads local communities in conserving and caring for the land and water that enrich our lives. We focus our work in locations and on activities that offer conservation impact, ecosystem services, and community benefits.



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Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP)

www.MyLandMyLegacy.com

Designed to provide growers with personalized assistance to address potential risks to water quality on a site-specific basis, the MAWQCP is a free and voluntary opportunity to obtain technical and financial assistance in implementing farmer-selected practices. Farmers who implement and maintain practices that mitigate water quality risks will be certified and deemed in compliance with any new water quality regulations for 10 years from the date of certification. The first step is to evaluate your farm for water quality risks, working locally with certification professionals. Farmers seeking MAWQCP-certification receive exclusive access to dedicated pools of financial assistance from state and federal conservation programs. These include a special EQIP sign-up for MAWQCP applicants that pays at a higher rate than general EQIP, and a financial assistance grant from MDA for up to \$5,000 to install conservation practices and offset management expenses. Certified farmers also receive recognition as protective of water quality and a certification sign to post on their farm.



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The Cannon River Agricultural Collaborative envisions prosperous family farms, healthy soils, clean water, and vibrant communities in the Cannon River Watershed. We work together to use each member's strengths and abilities to provide comprehensive expertise, services, and resources to farmers – helping them implement practices that are economically beneficial and improve natural resources. We recognize farmers for their stewardship efforts, using these stories to demonstrate the economic benefits of practices that protect and improve soil health and water quality.

Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District

www.steeleswcd.org

The prime responsibility of the Steele County SWCD is to coordinate assistance on private lands to control erosion, prevent flooding, enhance wildlife, develop recreation, build the economic base, and to manage our soil and water resources. They provide assistance with planning and design of conservation practices including: erosion control practices, residue management systems, windbreak and wildlife tree plantings, animal waste control systems and manure application plans.



Additionally, the district provides assistance with drainage systems, wetland restorations, native prairie establishment and management, administering Minnesota Conservation Easement Programs, implementation of the Steele County Comprehensive Water Plan and implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act.

They also provide no-till and brilliant drill rentals, tree planters and electric ATV broadcast seeders.

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Rice County Soil and Water Conservation District

www.riceswcd.org



Rice Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is "Leading and Promoting Conservation of Natural Resources. We work with both rural and urban areas to provide technical, financial and educational assistance to area residents for the management of soil erosion, and to promote changes that improve water quality.

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Other Partners:

