

# Preserving our Lands, Protecting our Waters



The Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) along with the Benton SWCD, would like to help improve your land for water quality and soil health.

Through a Clean Water Fund grant, we are offering FREE voluntary property assessments within both counties; specifically targeting areas affecting the Elk River, Big Elk Lake, and Mayhew Lake Watersheds. Our goal is to work together with property owners to reduce the amounts of nutrients entering our watersheds as well as improve their residence, farm, or cropland. Some practices available are:

- Shoreline restoration & stabilization
- Native buffers
- Rain gardens & barrels
- Erosion control for cropland
- Managing feedlot runoff & manure storage installation
- Manure composting for horses, poultry, and other livestock
- Rotational grazing systems
- Multi-species cover crops

Whether you own one acre or 1,000 acres, we are available to assist conservation projects!

- Sealing abandoned wells
- Irrigation water management
- Wetland restoration

### Below are projects we have already assisted landowners with in Sherburne & Benton Counties.





### Composting Structure

This practice temporarily stores waste such as manure, wastewater, and other contaminated runoff. This way the farmer is able to apply the composted manure as needed while simultaneously preventing waste from getting into water sources.

## \_\_\_\_\_Native Prairie Restoration





Each of these practices help to reduce soil erosion and greenhouse gases, and provide beautiful pollinator habitat throughout the growing season.

### Rain Garden





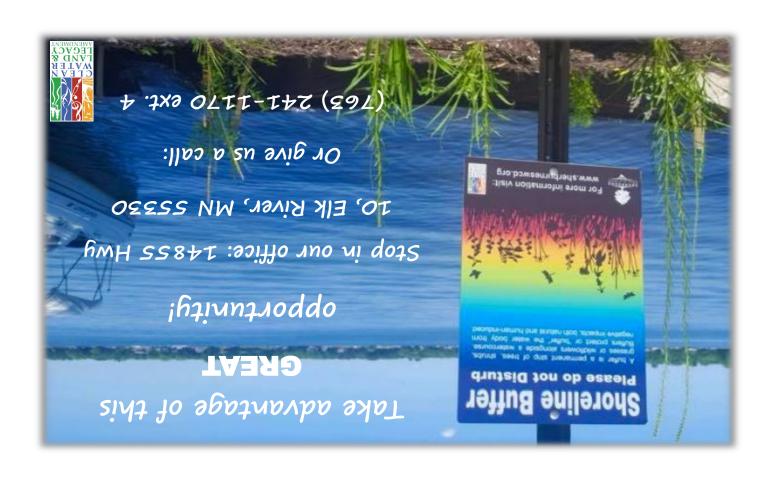


# Terrace/Water & Sediment Control Basin

These practices are established by creating an earth embankment, or a combination ridge and channel, constructed across the field slope. It helps reduce erosion by reducing slope length, and retains runoff by absorbing excess moisture.



# Financial assistance for farmland and residential properties! Convenient planning assistance for your environmental and conservation needs!



"...")'ve always appreciated the pleasantness of your staff members and your gracious willingness to help me with any questions or issues – no matter how small, crazy, or trivial."

— Sherburne County Resident

Why not see what we can do for you?

There's no cost for a consultation, and no commitment to continue!