

1



2

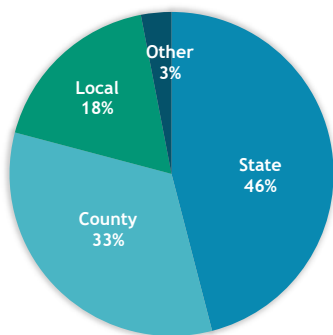
Background

- ▶ Established in 1944
- ▶ 5 member elected Board
- ▶ 12 full time staff
- ▶ Office in Farmington
- ▶ Evolve and adapt to local needs
 - ▶ Ex. Adding soil health program
 - ▶ Ex. Partnering on wetland banks



3

2025 REVENUES



Funding

- ▶ 2025 balanced budget
 - ▶ \$2.7 million
- ▶ For every county dollar, SWCD leverages \$3.60
 - ▶ 2025 County Funds - \$381,000
 - ▶ CIP Project Funds - Average \$134,000/year over last 6 years
 - ▶ 2025 Fee for Services Budget - \$182,000
- ▶ For every dollar, \$1.81 goes back into the local economy

4

Technical Assistance

2024

- ▶ Assisted landowners - 225 sites
- ▶ Water monitoring - 26 water bodies
- ▶ Noxious weeds - Average 24 inspections
- ▶ And more

2025

- ▶ Increase in requested assistance
- ▶ Increase in monitoring agreements
- ▶ Continue at same level
- ▶ And more



5

Conservation Projects

- ▶ Contracts
 - ▶ 313 active contracts - Urban and Rural projects
- ▶ Benefits
 - ▶ Pollutant reductions
 - ▶ Protection of lakes, streams, and groundwater
 - ▶ Build healthy soil
- ▶ Trends
 - ▶ Increase in Soil Health Practices
 - ▶ Increase in Native Prairie Restorations



6



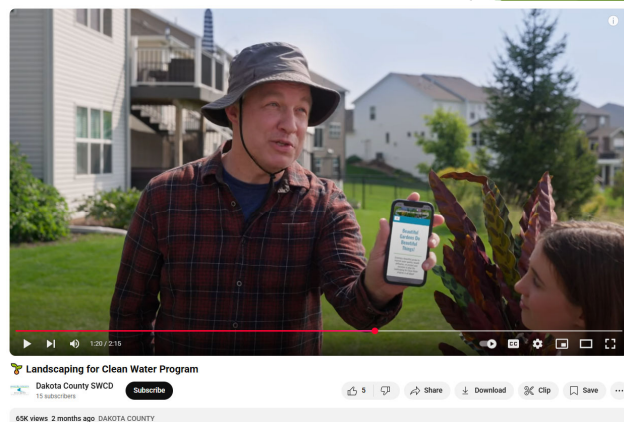


Education and Outreach Programs

- ▶ Landscaping for Clean Water
 - ▶ Rain gardens, Native gardens, Shorelines
 - ▶ 55 projects in 2024 - Total is over 1,000
- ▶ Lawns Relimagined
 - ▶ Turf conversion
 - ▶ Pilot year in 2024 - 11 projects
 - ▶ Multiple County partners
- ▶ Campaigns
 - ▶ Water Conservation
 - ▶ Leave a Legacy

9

Campaigns



10

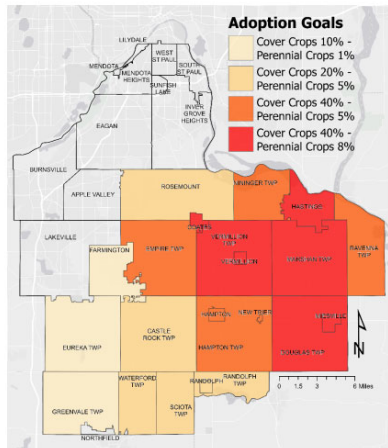


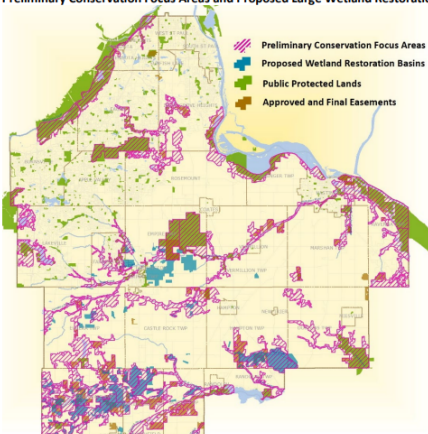
Figure 6: Interim Cover Crop and Perennial Adoption Rate Goals

Assisting County

- ▶ Plans
 - ▶ Groundwater - ACRE
 - ▶ Land Conservation
- ▶ Goals
 - ▶ Cover crops/perennials
 - ▶ “Water quality and quantity is enhanced and protected”
- ▶ Regulatory
 - ▶ Wetland Conservation Act
 - ▶ Buffer Law - Ordinance 50
 - ▶ Public Drainage Ditches

11

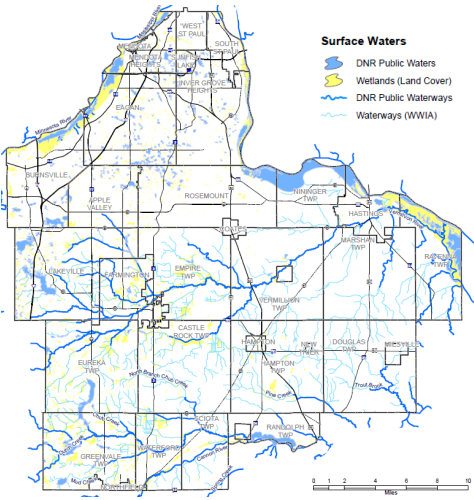
Preliminary Conservation Focus Areas and Proposed Large Wetland Restoration Basins



Assisting County

- ▶ Plans
 - ▶ Groundwater - ACRE
 - ▶ Land Conservation
- ▶ Goals
 - ▶ Cover crops/perennials
 - ▶ “Water quality and quantity is enhanced and protected”
- ▶ Regulatory
 - ▶ Wetland Conservation Act
 - ▶ Buffer Law - Ordinance 50
 - ▶ Public Drainage Ditches

12



Assisting County

- ▶ Plans
 - ▶ Groundwater - ACRE
 - ▶ Land Conservation
- ▶ Goals
 - ▶ Cover crops/perennials
 - ▶ “Water quality and quantity is enhanced and protected”
- ▶ Regulatory
 - ▶ Wetland Conservation Act
 - ▶ Buffer Law - Ordinance 50
 - ▶ Public Drainage Ditches

13



Regulatory

- ▶ Wetland Conservation Act
 - ▶ 118 activity contacts
 - ▶ 63 site visits
 - ▶ 37 Technical Evaluation Panel meetings
 - ▶ 5 violation investigations
 - ▶ 6 wetland banking applications
- ▶ Buffer Law - Ordinance 50
 - ▶ Reviewed 1,561 Parcels - 5,374 total
 - ▶ 28 compliance investigations
- ▶ Public Drainage Ditches
 - ▶ Inventory every 5 years (2026)

14



15



16