

Fillmore
Soil and Water
Conservation District
Annual Report



2021

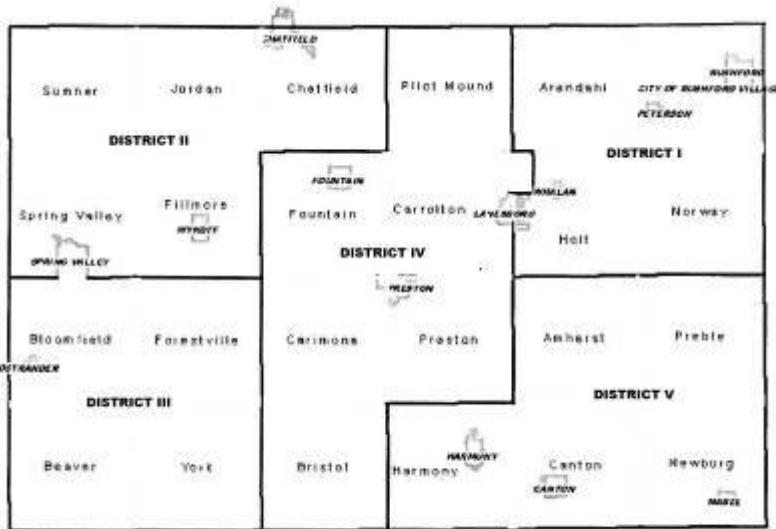
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Board Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Conservation Building.

District I – Arendahl, Rushford Village, Norway and Holt townships plus the City of Lanesboro
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District III – Fillmore, Bloomfield, Forestville, Beaver and York townships

District IV – Pilot Mound, Fountain, Carrolton (excluding the City of Lanesboro), Carimona, Preston, and Bristol townships

District V – Amherst, Preble, Harmony, Canton and Newburg townships

Soil and Water Conservation District Staff

Laura Christensen	District Administrator
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Mindy Williamson	Administrative Assistant
Dean Thomas	Area Soil Health Technician
Nikki Shaw	Water Management Coordinator
Aaren Mathison	Conservation Technician
Sara West	Nutrient Management Specialist

Natural Resources Conservation Service Staff

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Vacant	Conservation Technician

COOPERATING AGENCIES

Basin Alliance for the Lower Mississippi in Minnesota (BALMM)
Bluff Country Hiking Club/Lost Creek Hiking Trail
Conservation Corps-Minnesota
Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center
Fillmore County Cities -- Canton, Chatfield, Fountain, Harmony, Lanesboro, Mabel, Ostrander,
Peterson, Preston, Rushford, Rushford Village, Spring Valley, Whalan
Fillmore County Association of Townships
Fillmore County -- Auditor/Treasurer, Board of Commissioners, Emergency Management, Feedlot
Office, GIS, Highway Department, Public Health, Recorder, Sheriff/Sentence to Serve, Solid
Waste, Zoning
Friends of the Root River
Grazing Lands Conservation Association (GLCA)
Hiawatha Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)
Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees (MACDE), SE Area 7
Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD), SE Area 7
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Forestry, Fisheries, Ecological and Water
Resources, Wildlife Divisions
Minnesota Forestry Association (MFA)
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)
Root River One Watershed, One Plan LGUs
Southeast SWCD Technical Support Joint Powers Board (JPB)
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
University of Minnesota (U of M): Extension, 4-H
Upper Iowa River Alliance
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

INTRODUCTION

The Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors hereby submit the Annual Report for the calendar year of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

In 1940 the first soil and water conservation district were organized in Fillmore County. The District encompassed the eastern half of the county. Two years later, in 1942, the Western District was created. A line running north/south from the town of Preston separated the two Districts. In 1962 the East and West Districts were consolidated into one district by authority of the Minnesota Soil Conservation Committee. It was the opinion of both former boards of supervisors that consolidation would offer more efficient operation.

It has been through the work of many supervisors, district employees, partners and landowners that the rich but fragile resources of Fillmore County have been protected.

The ever-constant goal of the Fillmore SWCD is to conserve our natural resources.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote natural resource stewardship by providing educational, technical and financial assistance.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Technical assistance to landowners for the implementation of conservation practices

Resource Conservation Specialist, Conservation Technician, and Engineering Specialist

- Assist landowners with planning and design of practices, such as grassed waterways, terraces, grade stabilization structures, ponds, windbreaks, etc.
- Assist landowners with enrolling in programs that establish permanent vegetation including Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and conducts annual status reviews of easements.
- Assist landowners with complying with the rules of the Wetland Conservation Act related to filling, excavating or draining of wetlands.

Engineering Technician

- Assists livestock producers with planning and design of feedlot runoff control practices, such as freshwater diversions, filter strips, picket fences, etc.
- Assists with Buffer Law implementation and compliance.

Nutrient Management Specialist

- Assists livestock producers with developing manure management plans to meet standards for state feedlot rules including annual updates of plans, manure spreader calibrations and other information needed to complete the plans.
- Assists producers with use and evaluation of nutrient management tools (basal stalk nitrate tests, soil N tests, split N applications, etc.) through on-farm demonstration plots.

Area Soil Health Technician

- Assists producers with practices that enhance soil health--managed grazing, cover crops, no-till--including help with financial assistance for implementation using EQIP or local or state funding.

Financial assistance to landowners for implementing conservation practices

- State Cost Share Program: provides up to 75% cost share not to exceed \$6,000 for grassed waterways, terraces, grade stabilization structures, as well as well sealing (50% up to \$1000 maximum) plus other practices on the state cost share docket.
- Root River One Watershed One Plan: provides up to 90% cost share for qualifying conservation practices within designated sub-watersheds.
- Local Capacity Grant Cost Share for cover crops and structural conservation practices using the same cost share rates as State Cost Share.
- Low-Cost Feedlot Fix Cost Share Grants: provides 50% cost share with the maximum determined by the particular grant program for non-engineered runoff control practices such as rain gutters, freshwater diversions, filter strips, fencing, etc.
- Ag Best Management Practices (BMP) Low Interest Loan Program: provides 3% loans for terms of up to 10 years for implementing water quality practices, such as ag waste systems, manure handling equipment, septic system upgrades, no till planters, well sealing and replacement, variable rate technology, and erosion control structures; loans are processed through local lenders.

Other products and services

- Trees and tree supplies: potted and bare root stock are available for sale from December to the end of February with proceeds going to support SWCD programs.
- 2021 Fillmore County Plat Books: available for sale for \$35.
- Tree planters: two planters are available to rent for \$25/half day (min.) or \$50/day.
- Gopher machine: one available for rent for \$25/half day (min.) or \$50/day.
- Bacteria testing: \$50/sample (\$20 for households with a child under age 1 or a pregnant woman).
- Map sales: GIS maps created and printed; rates are dependent on the size and complexity of the map produced plus any printing costs.
- Survey flags: available for sale at \$.10/each or \$10.00/bundle of 100.
- Conservation Building conference room rent: \$25/half day, \$50/day.
- Decorah Shale site investigation: \$20/hr. in office research, \$25/hr. out of office research.
- Rain barrels: \$40 for a DIY kit; 11 sold in 2021
- Manure Management Plans: \$0.50/acre for a new plan, \$0.35/acre for a plan update.

Partnerships

Fillmore County

- The SWCD has delegation agreements with the county for the administration of the Wetland Conservation Act and coordination of the Local Water Management Plan. The Water Management Coordinator and Administrator are coordinating the Root River One Watershed, One Plan. The Policy Committee is made up of representatives from 13 LGUs and includes a SWCD Supervisor representing the Fillmore SWCD.
- Investigations of soil erosion complaints made to the SWCD or Zoning Office determine the extent of the erosion and work with the landowner/operator on how to remediate it.
- The SWCD staff provides assistance to the Zoning Office with wetland determinations in the Decorah Shale Overlay District and with landowner requests related to the county's sinkhole ordinance and industrial mining ordinance.
- The SWCD staff provided County Feedlot Officers duties for Fillmore County along with technical assistance to landowners.

USDA

- SWCD technical staff provides assistance for planning, designing, and implementing practices funded through federal Farm Bill programs such as EQIP, CSP and CRP.

MN Pollution Control Agency

- Root River watershed: The SWCD has a contract with the MPCA to conduct water quality monitoring for the Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network.

MN Department of Agriculture

- MDA Field to Stream Partnership Monitoring Grant: administration of subcontracts and payments administered by the SWCD, and 2 staff assist with edge-of-field and in-stream monitoring, data management and watershed assessments.

SE Technical Support Joint Powers Board

- Membership dues are paid annually for engineering support for conservation projects.
- The SWCD is a subcontractor with the JPB for the Area Soil Health Technician who works in the 11-county SE Area 7 promoting soil health practices and assisting producers with implementing those practices. In October 2018, the position funding comes from a NRCS Conservation Collaboration Grant.

Basin Alliance for the Lower Mississippi in Minnesota

- The SWCD is an active participant in BALMM, a locally led ad hoc organization dedicated to protecting water quality in the Basin; the District Administrator served as Chair.

MASWCD State and Area organizations

- Membership is maintained; Board members and staff attend Area meetings and the statewide annual meeting.

Hiawatha Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)

- Two Board members are assigned as representatives to the RC&D Council.

Upper Iowa watershed

- SWCD staff assist Iowa DNR with water quality sampling at three Upper Iowa River sites in Minnesota from April to October.

MN DNR

- Observation Well Network: staff monitor water levels every month in one well in the network
- Dye trace studies: staff assists with placing and collecting charcoal bugs in the springs and with collecting water samples that are analyzed for nitrate concentration and assist with landowner contacts for dye trace studies.
- Spring flow monitoring was begun in Engle Spring in Camp Creek watershed.



In 2021, Fillmore SWCD continued to serve as the fiscal agent for active Clean Water Fund grants. These grant funds were allocated both locally and regionally.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

State Cost Share Program

In 2021

7,695 ft Grassed Waterway

10 Grade Stabilization structures

791 ft Terraces

324 ft Underground Outlet

5 of these practices were implemented pairing state and federal dollars, while 3 were implemented using straight federal dollars.

2021 Outstanding Conservationists

Congratulations to the Fillmore County 2021 Outstanding Conservationists, Lynn and Roxie Tienter. Their participation in federal, state and local conservation programs, as well as their unassisted conservation efforts make them a land steward standout in our county. They oversee the management of 300 beautiful rolling acres of prairie, pasture, hay and forest. By implementing practices that keep their land in continuous cover, they are improving soil health and protecting local water resources for generations to come. Eager for this transition is toy tractor towing grandson Weston who already has big ideas for the day when he might inherit the farm. Field borders, waterways, sinkhole buffers, and grade stabilization structures are scattered about their 55 acres of rotationally grazed pasture, 30 acres of rotated alfalfa, oats and corn, 115 acres of CRP/CREP, and remaining acres of mature forest. Providing a beautiful backdrop to the Tienter family farming operation, roughly half of these tillable acres abut the beautiful vistas of Forestville State Park.

2021 Tree Program

The District sells a variety of bare root deciduous trees and shrubs and bare root and potted conifers. 13,215 trees were sold to individuals, municipalities, and organizations in and around Fillmore County. Bee Lawn Seed mix gained interest along with tree tubes, tree mats w/staples and fertilizer packs were also sold.



SWCD Windbreak Program

For many years, windbreaks were eligible for state cost share funding, but in 2013 windbreaks were removed from the list of eligible practices except in wind erosion counties. Fillmore County does not meet the state's requirements to be a wind erosion county. However, the SWCD Board has long recognized the importance of trees on the land, especially on the steep and rolling landscape found in most of the county, so the SWCD continues to offer cost share for windbreaks utilizing its local funds. Up to 50 percent of the cost of the trees for a farmstead windbreak designed by the SWCD staff will be paid to the landowner. Tree cost is based on current potted stock prices offered by the SWCD. Five windbreaks were installed in 2021 utilizing \$2,478.00 from the SWCD cost share funds.

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)

There were 47 landowner contacts in 2021. Four WCA applications for boundary type (3) and exemption (1) were approved. Three potential violations were investigated with one enforcement action taken. Monthly meetings were held with the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) members when needed.

Feedlot Water Quality Management

No projects were funded utilizing 319 grant funds from the SE MN Water Resources Board/Goodhue SWCD. Funding not available in 2021.

Nutrient Management

The Nutrient Management Specialist serves within the Root River Watershed as well as other areas in SE MN on a per requested basis. Roughly 0.8 FTE of this position is funded through Root River 1W1P Watershed-Based grant. A small fee is charged per acre for new or updated manure management plans, and the funds are used for other program-related activities.

Funding for the other 0.2 FTE for this position came from a regional Drinking Water Protection in SE MN BWSR grant. Nitrogen BMP outreach and cost share assistance was provided to qualifying producers through this grant.

Twenty updated plans and 9 new plans were completed in 7 different counties. Soil nitrogen samples, plant population counts, pre-side-dress nitrogen testing, basal stalk nitrate samples, whole plant samples and SPAD readings along with yields provide the data from the plots.

Soil Health

In 2021 the Area Soil Health Technician certified 3,976 acres of cover crop for 28 producers in 4 counties. Also completed 5 Grazing plans for 1500 acres. He partook in grazing training for pasture score sheet training in the SE and SW for NRCS and Partners; Training in the SE and NE for NRCS and Partners for fence/pipeline/water tanks/stream crossing/HUAP. This work was done in Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona counties.

In October 2018, a NRCS Conservation Collaboration Grant began funding approximately 85% of the position for support to NRCS with soil health activities. The remaining 15% of the position is funded from the BWSR Root River Watershed-Based grant, BWSR Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant, and also from funds from the SE MN Technical Support JPB for soil health assistance on local and state programs with each of the 11 southeast Minnesota SWCDs that are members of the JPB.



Root River One Watershed, One Plan Pilot Project

The Root River watershed was selected on June 25, 2014, as one of five projects around the state for BWSR's One Watershed, One Plan Pilot Program. The Policy Committee gave final approval of the plan on December 19, 2016, after approval by the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources. All 13 LGUs represented on the Policy Committee approved the Joint Powers Agreement for governance during implementation of the plan. A BWSR Watershed-based Grant (\$851,301) was received in May 2018, and activities began using the work plan and budget developed by the Planning Work Group after meeting

with the Advisory Committee which was then approved by the Policy Committee. The Winona SWCD is the fiscal agent for the grant, and the Fillmore SWCD is the day-to-day contact.

Fillmore SWCD staff completed two grassed waterway projects utilizing Root River One Watershed One Plan Implementation dollars piggybacked with RCPP funds. A civic engagement plan was completed with partnership of the University of Minnesota Extension.

MPCA Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network

A contract with MPCA provides funding for staff to monitor five sites on the main stem and the major tributaries of the Root River to obtain spatial and long-term pollutant loading information. The contract deliverables include collecting 23 grab samples (plus 2 duplicates) per year at each site during runoff and base flow conditions for a total of about 125 samples per year. Samples are analyzed for Nitrate + Nitrite-Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Orthophosphate Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids. Staff also calculated annual loads using the FLUX32 model and managed photo files. In field measurements are now recorded using the Canvas program on a mobile device. A two-year contract was renewed in 2020.

MDA “Field to Stream Partnership”

The MDA Field to Stream Partnership project began in 2010. Three edge-of-field monitoring sites are established in Fillmore County, and a fourth is in Mower County. The sites in Fillmore County are located in Crystal Creek watershed southwest of Preston and in Bridge Creek watershed near Bratsberg. The monitoring stations have automated samplers which collect runoff from fields where detailed information has been collected about management of the fields draining to the station. Samples are analyzed for total suspended solids (TSS), turbidity, total phosphorus (TP), phosphate (PO₄), pesticides, and nitrate-nitrogen. An in-stream monitoring station is located downstream from each of the fields with edge-of-field sites. Grab samples are also collected at the in-stream sites. In-field observations are recorded at all sites. Equipment and site maintenance are major tasks for the water monitoring staff. 2019 marked the tenth year for collecting water quality data. As BMPs are implemented, changes in water quality are being monitored.

Crystal Creek watershed has many sinkholes and springs, so dye trace studies have been conducted there to better understand the interaction between surface water and ground water. Nitrate samples are collected and analyzed from the springs. Lysimeters have also been installed to evaluate nitrate movement below the root zone. Spring monitoring equipment is installed at Engle Spring in neighboring Willow Creek in cooperation with DNR and MPCA. Staff assisted with contacting landowners, setting up the equipment and recording data.

A new contract agreement between Fillmore SWCD and MDA began on August 1, 2019. The funds continue to be used to administer the subcontract with Mower SWCD and Fillmore SWCD to collect samples, maintain equipment and manage the data.

Ag BMP Loan Program

The SWCD administers the Ag BMP Loan Program which is funded by the MDA. Loans are available to farmers, rural landowners and farm supply businesses for loans to restore or protect water quality,

whether on a farm, a rural home site, or in an unsewered community. Eligible practices include: feedlot improvements, manure storage basins and spreading equipment; no till equipment; terraces, waterways, sediment basins or other soil conservation practices; septic system upgrades; Variable Rate Technology (VRT); well relocation and sealing; secondary fuel containment; or other projects that improve water quality. In 2021, 5 loan applications were approved for \$255,509.75; 2 for manure handling equipment and 3 for upgrades to septic treatment systems.

Buffer Grant

Stream buffers are an effective practice for protecting water quality, especially when combined with other upland practices. The 2015/2016 buffer law requires perennial vegetation buffers of an average width of 50 feet (minimum of 30 feet) along DNR public waters to help filter phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment.

The law appropriated Clean Water Fund (CWF) funds to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for grants to local units of government to assist landowners with compliance with riparian buffer or alternative practice requirements. The funds were used by Fillmore SWCD to provide technical assistance to landowners to conduct status reviews of parcels according to monitoring plan and assist landowners for maintaining compliance. Advice regarding appropriate seeding mixes, maintenance and other technical assistance is being provided as needed.

Staff continued to update the in-house database and BuffCAT as needed with notes and compliance status. A news article was published in the annual SWCD newspaper insert. There was correspondence with DNR Fisheries on specific parcels and follow up on concerns from citizens. Staff continues to work with the county on non-compliance parcels as necessary.

Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect our water. Those who implement and maintain approved farm management practices will be certified and in turn obtain regulatory certainty for a period of ten years.



Through this program, certified producers receive:

- Regulatory certainty: certified producers are deemed to be in compliance with any new water quality rules or laws during the period of certification
- Recognition: certified producers may use their status to promote their business as protective of water quality
- Priority for technical assistance: producers seeking certification can obtain specially designated technical and financial assistance to implement practices that promote water quality

Through this program, the public receives:

- Assurance that certified producers are using conservation practices to protect Minnesota's lakes, rivers and streams

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) transferred to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Clean Water Fund (CWF) funds appropriated to the agency to implement the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program statewide. The program was promoted in the annual SWCD newspaper insert. Information was provided to land owners about the program.

Bacteria Testing

In May 2009, the SWCD became a certified lab to test drinking water for total coliform and *E. coli* and to test surface water for *E. coli*. The equipment was purchased with flood relief grant funds from Fillmore County Public Health to assist well owners who have had their wells flooded. The lab also offers nitrate screening at no charge to the client using MDA nitrate testing equipment. These are not certified lab results. Two staff are trained to analyze samples. An internal audit and external audit were completed for the lab in 2021. All findings from the external audit were addressed and approved and entered into ELDO along with updates to manuals and forms. In 2021 a total of 108 samples were analyzed.

Education and Promotion Projects

Scholarships: The Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors a \$500.00 scholarship for a graduating Fillmore County high school student pursuing a degree in Natural Resources, Agriculture or related field. Kaylor Soiney from Mabel-Canton High School is the 2021 High School Scholarship recipient. The District also offers a \$500.00 scholarship for Fillmore County college students who will be returning to school in the fall. To be eligible, students must be a returning college sophomore, junior or senior, pursuing a degree in Natural Resources, Agriculture, or a related field, enrolled in classes for fall, and not a prior scholarship recipient. No applicants for the 2021 Returning College Student Scholarship recipient.

Forestry Field Day: Forestry Field Day was held July 28, 2021 at Maynard Underbakke State Forest Unit outside of Preston with 30 people in attendance.

Prairie Walk: Event held at Fillmore Central Elementary school. Began a plant ID list, discussed management practices the school could do and also educational ideas that the school can use the site for.

6th Grade Field Day: The 2021 6th Grade Field Day was held in person with 2 schools attending (Fillmore Central & Rushford-Peterson) with 120 students in attendance. Provided curriculum for those schools unable to attend due to outbreak.

Farm Safety Day Camp: No Activity.

Area and State Envirothon: A staff member from the SWCD assisted with planning the 2021 Area Envirothon which was moved to online. Plan to hold in-person in 2022.

Fillmore County Fair Display: Standard booth set-up and held kids activities along with a nitrate test clinic

Nitrate Clinics: Held one testing clinic at the Fillmore County Fair

“Conservation Chronicles” Newsletter: On February 2021, the Conservation Chronicles newsletter was published in the *Fillmore County Journal* a free newspaper that goes to over 16,000 residences in Fillmore County and surrounding counties. The *Journal* sold advertising to offset the cost of the insert. Many positive comments were received about this publication.

Due to increasing printing and postage costs, the summer and winter newsletters are now posted on the SWCD website. An email notice of the posting is sent to those landowners providing their e-mail

addresses (~100). Information about programs, upcoming events, tree sales, and other topics are submitted by the staff from SWCD and NRCS as well as other agencies when needed. In 2021, two online newsletters was completed.

Community and School Presentations and Education: Activities in 2021 included:

The 2021 6th Grade Field Day, a Fillmore SWCD staff assisted with the Area 7 Envirothon, provided in-person sessions to 4th grade students at Fillmore Central, Rushford-Peterson Fish and Water Class and Kingsland High School students, provided tree seedlings to the 5th grade students at Fillmore County schools.

Conservation Intern: No intern was hired in 2021.

Lost Creek Hiking Trail Forestry Education: No activity in 2021

Fillmore County Integrated Roadside Management Project: In 2020, the Fillmore County Highway Department and Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) worked together to continue implementing the no spray policy to reduce the costs of noxious weed spraying in the roadside ditches of Fillmore County highways and to offer landowners/renters who own land along county highways an alternative to spraying. For those who complete a “No Spray” request form and submit it to the Fillmore County Highway Department, the County will not spray that section of county road, and the landowners/renters agree to control and/or remove the noxious weeds and brush within the “No Spray Zone” signs. This is an annual contract that needs to be renewed each year. In 2019, the option to sign a long-term agreement was implemented. The Fillmore County Highway Department has signs available for purchase at their office. It is the property owner’s responsibility to install and maintain the signs at the proper location.

Another aspect of the project is to evaluate the effectiveness of alternative control methods for wild parsnip in small areas. Demonstration plots were set up north of Preston along County Road 17 in November with assistance from Extension staff. Two alternative control methods are being tested: interseeding of native plants to outcompete wild parsnip and use of corn gluten to prohibit germination of wild parsnip seed. The roadside test plot was inspected in 2021.

Observation Well Network

The SWCD measures water levels in a well near Chatfield as part of the DNR’s Observation Well Network. The water level is measured once a month from June to December plus two more times during the three-month period of March to May. No readings are taken in January or February. Fillmore SWCD continues to monitor two wells.

Precipitation Monitoring Program

The District has 11 precipitation monitoring volunteers. Participants forward their rainfall information to the SWCD office which is recorded and sent on to the State Climatology Office in St. Paul. Volunteers are recognized at the Annual Recognition Dinner in January. No dinner was held in 2021. The Fillmore SWCD continues to collect volunteer data to submit to the state.

District Website (www.fillmoreswcd.org) and Facebook Page

The district's first website was created in July, 1999. A new site was created in 2007, then revamped in 2010. It receives regular updates with information regarding our services and programs, tree ordering, and current events as well as information about our supervisors and staff. Board meeting agendas and minutes are added monthly. All reports required to be posted by BWSR are on the website. Submitted for educational grant funds to assist with the upgrading of the website in 2021.

A Facebook page was set up for the SWCD in 2015. Staff maintains the page and posts new information.