



# 2025 Annual Report

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Agriculture Conservation Practices

- 4 grassed waterways Installed, totaling 2,093 feet
- 2,353 linear foot terrace system installed near Eagle Lake
- 8 water and sediment basins installed
- 17 cost-share inspections on previous BMPs
- 150 landowners purchased and planted 11,150 trees
- 10 DNR prescribed burn permits issued for 358 CRP acres
- 31 landowners planted 641 acres with the Great Plains no-till drill
- 9 landowners received CRP incentive payments on 174 acres
- Assisted USFW upgrade 100 acres of CRP to an enhanced pollinator habitat
- Buffer monitoring for 1/3 of Carver County



### Urban Conservation Practices

- Carver County Water Rules compliance:
  - 133 inspections conducted in Carver County's 11 Cities
  - 12 inspections conducted in Carver County's Townships.
- 51 projects reviewed for sediment and erosion control BMPs
- Field visits to construction sites to ensure compliance with stormwater regulations
- Provide technical support on native vegetation and BMP designs for RPBCWD and LMRWD
- Landscape restoration designs including rain gardens, bio-retention cells, shoreline restorations, water re-use projects

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## Urban Conservation Cost-Share Programs

### Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District

- 58 projects installed to improve water quality and habitat
- 47 landowner consultation site visits

### Carver County Water Management Organization

- 4 projects installed to improve water quality and habitat
- 15 landowner consultation site visits

### Carver SWCD Pollinator & Shoreline Habitat Programs

#### **Pollinator Program**

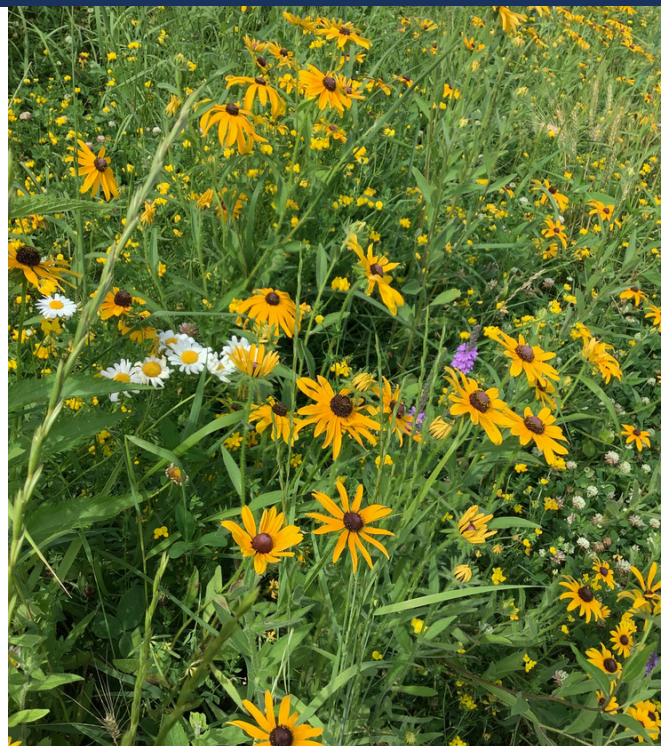
- 6 total projects: 5 residential, 1 non-profit, 1 govt. agency
- 25 landowner consultation site visits, designed 4 projects

#### **Shoreline Habitat Program**

- 1 project installed with Metro Blooms and MN Cons. Corps
- 8 landowner consultation site visits

## Wetland Protection & Restoration

- Assisted 13 landowners received WCA permits
- 85 Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) meetings
- 3 WCA violation review/restoration orders
- 4 complaints on possible WCA violations
- 37 annual RIM inspections conducted
- 10 landowners contacted about permanent easement programs
- Easement boundary signs installed on CREP projects
- Provide assistance to landowner interested in CRP, CREP, RIM, Wetland Banking, etc.



## Public Drainage Systems

- 5 repairs of public ditches
- Finished redetermination of benefits (ROB) for all systems
- Engineering completed for a future large repair project
- Assist landowners with drainage questions
- Buffer strip acquisitions for redetermined systems



## Carver SWCD Supervisors & Staff

Karli Wittner, District 1

Marcus Zbinden, District 2

Mark Zabel, District 3

Mike Lynch, District 4

Jeff Sons, District 5

Mike Wanous, District Manager

Felicia Brockoff, Admin. & Finance Specialist

Ben Datres, Farm Bill Technician

Tom Genelín, Senior District Technician

Terry Meiller, Resource Conservationist

Tyler Polster, District Technician

Seth Ristow, Landscape Restoration Spec.

## Carver Soil & Water Conservation District Budget Information

	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
4000 Intergovernmental County	\$619,492	\$601,081
4100 Intergovernmental Local	\$80,245	\$47,500
4200 Intergovernmental State	\$374,377	\$363,000
4300 Charges for Services	\$31,079	\$34,500
4400 Interest Earnings	\$26,961	\$17,500
4500 Miscellaneous Revenues	\$738	\$7,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,132,891</b>	<b>\$1,071,081</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
5000 District Operations		
5100 Personnel Services	\$858,077	\$873,792
5200 Other Services & Charges	\$47,806	\$52,000
5300 Supplies - Office & Field	\$2,261	\$3,500
5400 Capital Outlay	\$10,970	\$20,000
<b>Total 5000 District Operations</b>	<b>\$919,114</b>	<b>\$949,292</b>
6000 Project Expenses	\$235,272	\$121,789
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,154,386</b>	<b>\$1,071,081</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$21,495</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## ALLOCATION OF STAFF TIME

