



**FY 2024 STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF WATER and SOIL RESOURCES  
WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

<b>Vendor:</b>	0000202433
<b>PO#:</b>	3000016883

This Grant Agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) and Waseca SWCD, 300 North State Street, Waseca MN 56093 (Grantee).

Grant ID	Grant Title	Awarded Amt
C24-0091	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$1,355,872.00

**Total Grant Awarded: \$1,355,872.00**

**Recitals**

1. The Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 40, Article 2, Section 6(a) appropriated funds to the Board for the FY 2024 and 2025 Clean Water Fund Watershed Based Implementation Funding Program.
2. The Board adopted the Watershed Based Implementation Funding FY24-25 Policy and authorized the allocation of funds for the FY 2024 and 2025 Clean Water Fund Watershed Based Implementation Funding Program through Board Order #23-55.
3. The Grantee has submitted a BWSR-approved work plan for this Program which is incorporated into this Grant Agreement by reference.
4. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this Grant Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board.
5. As a condition of the grant, Grantee agrees to minimize administration costs.

**Authorized Representative**

The State's Authorized Representative is Marcey Westrick, Central Region Manager, BWSR, 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155, (651) 284-4153, or her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services and performance provided under this Grant Agreement.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is:

**TITLE** Waseca SWCD District Manager  
**ADDRESS** 300 N State Street  
**CITY** Waseca  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER** 5078350623

If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Grant Agreement, the Grantee must immediately notify the Board.

**Grant Agreement**

1. **Terms of the Grant Agreement.**
  - 1.1. **Effective date:** The date the Board obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd. 5. **The Board will notify the Grantee when this Grant Agreement has been executed. The Grantee must not begin work under this Grant Agreement until it is executed.**
  - 1.2. **Expiration date: December 31, 2026** or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever comes first.
  - 1.3. **Survival of Terms:** The following clauses survive the expiration date or cancellation of this Grant Agreement: 7. Liability; 8. State Audits; 9. Government Data Practices; 12. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; 14. Data Disclosure; and 19. Intellectual Property Rights.

2. **Grantee's Duties.**

The Grantee will comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through Minn. Stat. § 16B.97, Subd. 4(a)(1). The Grantee is responsible for the specific duties for the Program as follows:

2.1. **Implementation:** The Grantee will implement their work plan, which is incorporated into this Grant Agreement by reference.

2.2. **Reporting:** All data and information provided in a Grantee's report shall be considered public.

2.2.1. The Grantee will submit an annual progress report to the Board by February 1 of each year on the status of Program implementation by the Grantee. Information provided must conform to the requirements and formats set by the Board.

2.2.2. Final Progress Report: The Grantee will submit a final progress report to the Board by February 1, 2027, or within 30 days of completion of the project, whichever occurs sooner. Information provided must conform to the requirements and formats set by the Board. All individual grants over \$500,000 will also require a reporting expenditure by June 30 of each year.

2.3. **Match:** The Grantee will ensure any local match requirement will be provided as stated in Grantee's approved work plan.

3. **Time.**

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this Grant Agreement. In the performance of this Grant Agreement, time is of the essence.

4. **Terms of Payment.**

4.1. Funds will be distributed in three installments per grant: 1) The first payment of 50% will be distributed after the execution of the Grant Agreement. 2) The second payment of 40% will be distributed after the first payment of 50% has been expended and reporting requirements have been met. An eLINK Interim Financial Report that summarizes expenditures of the first 50% must be signed by the Grantee and approved by the Board. Selected grantees may be required at this point to submit documentation of the expenditures reported on the Interim Financial Report for verification. 3) The third payment of 10% will be distributed after the grant has been fully expended and reporting requirements are met. The final, 10% payment must be requested within 30 days of the expiration date of the Grant Agreement. An eLINK Final Financial Report that summarizes final expenditures for the grant must be signed by the Grantee and approved by the Board.

4.2. All costs must be incurred within the grant period. All incurred costs should be calculated or determined before the final report is completed or returning funds.

4.3. Unspent grant funds must be returned within 30 days of the expiration date of the Grant Agreement.

4.4. Once final reporting has been completed funds may not be re-requested as funds may not be available.

4.5. The obligation of the State under this Grant Agreement will not exceed the amount listed above.

4.6. This Grant Agreement includes an advance payment of 50 % of each grant's total amount per grant. Advance payments allow the grantee to have adequate operating capital for start-up costs, ensure their financial commitment to landowners and contractors, and to better schedule work into the future.

5. **Conditions of Payment.**

All services provided by the Grantee under this Grant Agreement must be performed to the Board's satisfaction, as set forth in this Grant Agreement. Compliance will be determined at the sole discretion of the Board's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, policies, ordinances, rules, Watershed Based Implementation Funding FY24-25 Policy, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment, may be required to repay grant funds, or may have future payments withheld if work is found by the Board to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, State, or local law.

6. **Assignment, Amendments, and Waiver.**

6.1. **Assignment.** The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Grant Agreement without the prior consent of the Board and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this Grant Agreement, or their successors in office.

6.2. **Amendments.** Any amendments to this Grant Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until approved and executed by the same parties who approved and executed the original Grant Agreement, or their successors in office. Amendments must be executed prior to the expiration of the original Grant Agreement or any amendments thereto.

6.3. **Waiver.** If the Board fails to enforce any provision of this Grant Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

**7. Liability.**

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this Grant Agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Grant Agreement.

**8. State Audits.**

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd. 8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this Grant Agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the Board and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this Grant Agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all State and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

8.1. The books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee and its designated local units of government and contractors relevant to this grant, may be examined at any time by the Board or Board's designee and are subject to verification. The Grantee or delegated local unit of government will maintain records relating to the receipt and expenditure of grant funds.

**9. Government Data Practices.**

The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this Grant Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this Grant Agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State.

**10. Workers' Compensation.**

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

**11. Publicity and Endorsement.**

11.1. **Publicity.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Grant Agreement must identify the Board as the sponsoring agency. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the Program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Grant Agreement.

11.2. **Endorsement.** The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

**12. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.**

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Grant Agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Grant Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate State or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

**13. Termination.**

13.1. The Board may cancel this Grant Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

13.2. The Board may immediately terminate this Grant Agreement if the Board finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this Grant Agreement, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The Board may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

**14. Data Disclosure.**

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and State tax agencies and State personnel involved in the payment of State obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and State tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file State tax returns and pay delinquent State tax liabilities, if any.

**15. Prevailing Wage.**

It is the responsibility of the Grantee or contractor to pay prevailing wage for projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per Minn. Stat. §§ 177.41 through 177.44. All laborers and mechanics employed by grant recipients and subcontractors funded in whole or in part with these State funds shall be paid wages at a rate not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality. Bid requests must state the project is subject to prevailing wage.

**16. Municipal Contracting Law.**

Per Minn. Stat. § 471.345, grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 of this statute must follow the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. Supporting documentation of the bidding process utilized to contract services must be included in the Grantee’s financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable.

**17. Constitutional Compliance.**

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to comply with requirements of the Minnesota Constitution regarding the use of Clean Water Funds to supplement traditional sources of funding.

**18. Signage.**

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to comply with requirements for project signage as provided in Minnesota Laws 2010, Chapter 361, Article 3, Section 5(b) for Clean Water Fund projects.

**19. Intellectual Property Rights.**

The State owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the Works and Documents *created and paid for under this grant*. Works means all inventions, improvements, discoveries, (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by the Grantee, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of this grant. Work includes “Documents.” Documents are the originals of any databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, agents or subcontractors, in the performance of this grant. The Documents will be the exclusive property of the State and all such Documents must be immediately returned to the State by the Grantee upon completion or cancellation of this grant at the State’s request. To the extent possible, those Works eligible for copyright protection under the United State Copyright Act will be deemed to be “works made for hire.” The Grantee assigns all right, title, and interest it may have in the Works and the Documents to the State. The Grantee must, at the request of the State, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record the State’s ownership interest in the Works and Documents.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Grant Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.*

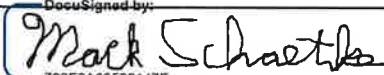
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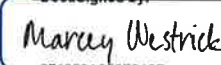
**Waseca SWCD**

**Board of Water and Soil Resources**

Mark Schaetzke

Marcey Westrick

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SWCD District Manager

Central Region Manager

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

1/2/2024

2/15/2024

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Grant Work Plan

## Watershed Based Implementation 2024

Grant Title: 2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF

Grant Award (\$): \$1,355,872.00

Grant Execution Date: 02/15/2024

Grant ID: C24-0091

Required Match (%): 10

Grant End Date: 12/31/2026

Grantee: Waseca SWCD

Required Match (\$): \$135,587.20

Fiscal Agent: Waseca SWCD

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Mark Schaeetzke

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$1,355,872.00	\$0.00	\$1,355,872.00
Match Funds	\$185,868.50	\$0.00	\$185,868.50
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,541,740.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,541,740.50</b>

\*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

### Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Administration	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$120,000.00		\$120,000.00	N
Agricultural Practices	Agricultural Practices	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$305,240.00		\$305,240.00	N
Agricultural Practices	Agricultural Practices	Federal Funds	EQIP, Fishers and Farmers, 319	\$15,262.00		\$15,262.00	Y
Agricultural Practices	Agricultural Practices	Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$15,262.00		\$15,262.00	Y
Conservation Drainage	Conservation Drainage	Local Fund	Local Funds	\$733.00		\$733.00	Y

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Conservation Drainage	Conservation Drainage	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00	N
Conservation Drainage	Conservation Drainage	Federal Funds	EQIP, Fishers and Farmers, 319	\$733.00		\$733.00	Y
Conservation Drainage	Conservation Drainage	Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$734.00		\$734.00	Y
Education/Information	Education/Information	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00	N
Well Sealing	Groundwater	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$27,000.00		\$27,000.00	N
Well Sealing	Groundwater	Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$13,500.00		\$13,500.00	Y
Freeborn SSTS	Inventory/Mapping	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$10,182.00		\$10,182.00	N
Inventory							
Non Structural	Non-Structural Management	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$237,450.00		\$237,450.00	N
Practices - Ag Practices	Practices						
Non Structural	Non-Structural Management	Federal Funds	EQIP, Fishers and Farmers, 319	\$11,872.00		\$11,872.00	Y
Practices - Ag Practices	Practices						
Non Structural	Non-Structural Management	Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$11,872.50		\$11,872.50	Y
Practices - Ag Practices	Practices						
Planning/Assessment	Planning and Assessment	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00	N
Project Development	Project Development	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00	N
Shoreline	Streambank or Shoreline	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$6,500.00		\$6,500.00	N
	Protection						
Shoreline	Streambank or Shoreline	Federal Funds	EQIP, Fishers and Farmers, 319	\$325.00		\$325.00	Y
	Protection						
Shoreline	Streambank or Shoreline	Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$325.00		\$325.00	Y
	Protection						
SSTS	Subsurface Sewage Treatment	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00	N

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
SSTS	Systems						
	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00	Y
Technical/Engineering Assistance	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00	N
Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration/Creation	Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$152,500.00		\$152,500.00	N
Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration/Creation	Federal Funds	Federal Match through NRCS, FSA, F&F	\$7,625.00		\$7,625.00	Y
Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration/Creation	Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$7,625.00		\$7,625.00	Y

Indicator Category	Proposed Indicator	Total Value	Unit	Indicator Category	Final Indicator	Total Value	Unit
Pollution Prevention (Reduction Estimates)	Prevention	10	Count				
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	459.4	Lbs/Yr				
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	4.71	Lbs/Yr				
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Sediment (Tss)	11.26	Tons/Yr				
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Nitrogen	16229	Lbs/Yr				

Indicator Category	Proposed Indicator	Total Value	Unit
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Nitrogen	341.6	Lbs/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Sediment (Tss)	70.041	Tons/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	119.63	Mg/L
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Soil (Est. Savings)	4.1	Tons/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	600.03	Lbs/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Phosphorus (Est. Reduction)	64.28	Lbs/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Nitrogen	3845.37	Lbs/Yr
Water Pollution (Reduction Estimates)	Sediment (Tss)	4.1	Tons/Yr
Pollution Prevention	Prevention	15	Count



<i>Indicator Category</i>	<i>Proposed Indicator</i>	<i>Total Value</i>	<i>Unit</i>
Pollution Prevention	Prevention	10	Count

Grant Activities

**Activity Name: Administration**

**Activity Category:** Administration/Coordination

**Staff time?:** Yes

**Description:** Waseca County, as Plan Coordinator, will manage administrative duties as listed in the Joint Powers Agreement signed by all participating parties. Waseca SWCD, as fiscal agent, will administer fiscal responsibilities for the grant per the Joint Powers Agreement and Fiscal Agent Agreement signed by participating parties.

Estimating \$1,500 of funds required for hosting meetings (PAC, LIT, TAC), and supplies.

**Budget Details**

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$120,000.00		\$120,000.00		N

## Activity Name: Agricultural Practices

Activity Category: Agricultural Practices

Staff time?: No

Description: Practices in this category to include those listed in Table 4.1, BMP Implementation, pg.126-143 in the Plan.

Practices (Practice Standard) to include Perennial Cover (327, 393, 342, 512), Grassed Waterway (412), WASCObS (638), Terraces (600), Ponds/Impoundments (378), Alternative Side Inlets (410), Grade Stabilization Structures (410).

Section 4, pg.119, of the Plan details the methodology, cost estimates and criteria for project targeting. 7. All projects will have technical approval authority sign-off by credentialled staff or NRCS Job Approval Authority or TSA/ private engineer. Producers will enter into contracts for structural agricultural practices that meet NRCS practice standards or professionally accepted engineering standards. Table 4.1, BMP Implementation, pg. 125 lays out the estimated necessary values for project implementation to meet Plan pollution reduction estimates. Project implementation estimates for the first biennium account for the cost of installation for 90 acres in perennial cover, 5280 linear feet of Grassed Waterway, 5 WASCObS and/or Terraces, 4 Ponds/Impoundments, 20 Alternative Side Intakes, and 1 Riparian Grade Stabilization Structure.

Practices implemented through Federal programs including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and EPA 319 will be used to match State Funding. Match sources may also include the Ditch Authority, Counties or SWCDs (if non state funds).

Additional details available in local cost share policy attached to workplan.

### Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Federal Funds	EQIP, Fishers and Farmers, 319	\$15,262.00		\$15,262.00		Y
Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$15,262.00		\$15,262.00		Y
Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$305,240.00		\$305,240.00		N

## Activity Name: Conservation Drainage

Activity Category: Conservation Drainage

Staff time?: No

Description: Practices in this category to include those listed in Table 4.1, BMP Implementation, pg.126-143 in the Plan.

Practices (Practice Standard) to include Alternative Tile Intakes (606) and Conservation Drainage/Saturated Buffers (604).

Section 4, pg.119, of the Plan details the methodology, cost estimates and criteria for project targeting. All projects will have technical approval authority sign-off by credentialed staff or NRCS Job Approval Authority or TSA/ private engineer. Producers will enter into contracts for structural agricultural practices that meet NRCS practice standards or professionally accepted engineering standards. Table 4.1, BMP Implementation, pg. 125 lays out the estimated necessary values for project implementation to meet Plan pollution reduction estimates. Project implementation estimates for the first biennium account for the cost of installation for 4 Alternative Tile Intakes, and 1 Saturated Buffer Project.

Practices implemented through Federal programs including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and EPA 319 will be used to match State Funding. Match sources may also include the Ditch Authority, Counties or SWCDs (if non state funds).

Additional details available in local cost share policy attached to workplan.

### Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed W/BIF	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00		N
Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$734.00		\$734.00		Y
Local Fund	Local Funds	\$733.00		\$733.00		Y
Federal Funds	EQIP, Fishers and Farmers, 319	\$733.00		\$733.00		Y

## Activity Name: Education/Information

**Activity Category:** Education/Information

**Staff time?:** Yes

**Description:** The outreach and education implementation schedule (Table 4.2, pg144-147) contains items that go above and beyond basic outreach efforts to enroll landowners in programs and practice implementation. While landowner participation in projects and practices is a goal of the action items in this table, the goals extend past that with a focus on having one-on-one conversations, building relationships, and providing educational opportunities for the public. Providing these opportunities will encourage an overall conservation-based mindset for individuals, which is more likely to create behavior changes that benefit the Watershed's natural resources. This implementation schedule also details what actions will be implemented, when they will be implemented, which local government unit will lead the effort, and the estimated costs. Narrative from pg119 of the Plan.

Purchase or build a 3D water table to bring to county fairs and educational events. - \$20,000 budgeted (O&E 1.17, pg. 147)

Estimated \$15,000 of expenses for outreach and education, including hosting meetings and events and creation and distribution of materials.

### Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00		N

## Activity Name: Freeborn SSTS Inventory

**Activity Category:** Inventory/Mapping

**Staff time?:** Yes

**Description:** Complete a septic system compliance inventory of homes with non-permitted SSTS to locate imminent health threats within Freeborn County. Table 4.3: Data and Studies Implementation pg. 149.

Activities in this category will be contracted.

### Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$10,182.00		\$10,182.00		N

### Activity Name: Non Structural Practices - Ag Practices

Activity Category: Non-Structural Management Practices

Staff time?: No

Description: Practices in this category to include those listed in Table 4.1, BMP Implementation, pg126-143 in the Plan.

Practices (Practice Standard) will include Cover Crops (340), Residue and Tillage Management: No-Till and Strip-Till (329).

Section 4, pg.119, of the Plan details the methodology, cost estimates and criteria for project targeting. All projects will have technical approval authority sign-off by credentialled staff or NRCS Job Approval Authority. Practices will be developed and installed consistent with NRCS FOTG or other professionally accepted ecological practices. Table 4.1, BMP Implementation, pg. 125 lays out the estimated necessary values for project implementation to meet Plan pollution reduction estimates. Project implementation estimates for the first biennium account for the cost to install 950 acres of cover crops, 950 acres of reduced tillage (no-till and strip till).

Practices implemented through Federal programs including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and EPA 319 will be used to match State Funding. Match sources may also include the Ditch Authority, Counties or SWCDs (if non state funds).

Additional details available in local cost share policy attached to workplan.

#### Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Federal Funds	EQIP, Fishers and Farmers, 319	\$11,872.00		\$11,872.00		Y
Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBIF	\$237,450.00		\$237,450.00		N
Landowner Fund	Landowner Match	\$11,872.50		\$11,872.50		Y

## Activity Name: Planning/Assessment

**Activity Category:** Planning and Assessment

**Staff time?:** Yes

**Description:** Planning and assessment will be used to prepare for future projects in the watershed.

Projects listed in Data & Studies Table 4.3 pg. 148, will be used to direct the work in this category. Specific items to complete, as identified by the Policy Advisory Committee, include Data & Studies 1.3, Update the Madison Lake, Lake Management Plan (\$15,000), D&S 1.4, Develop feasibility studies/lake management plans for Lura, Bass, and Elysian (\$30,000) and D&S 1.6, Water storage feasibility studies (\$22,500). Other work within this category will be completed as necessary and as budget constraints allow.

For this activity, local staff time will be utilized as much as possible for completing project planning and assessment tasks. It is recognized though that some projects may fall outside of the local staff's scope of expertise and an outside consultant may need to be hired. Local staff will communicate those needs with BWSR and the PAC for review.

### Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2024 Le Sueur River Watershed WBF	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00		N

## Activity Name: Project Development

**Activity Category:** Project Development

**Staff time?:** Yes

**Description:** Category reflects project support activities which will directly support or supplement the goals and outcomes of the work plan such as: civic engagement; public outreach; initial contacts, actions, and activities with landowners and/or partners; preliminary information gathering; conservation marketing, or other activities.

Additional materials and meeting/event expenses necessary for project development estimated at \$5,000.

### Budget Details