



Project Title: FY2025 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed Implementation Grant
CONTRACT NO. P25-0341 \$1,958,370.00

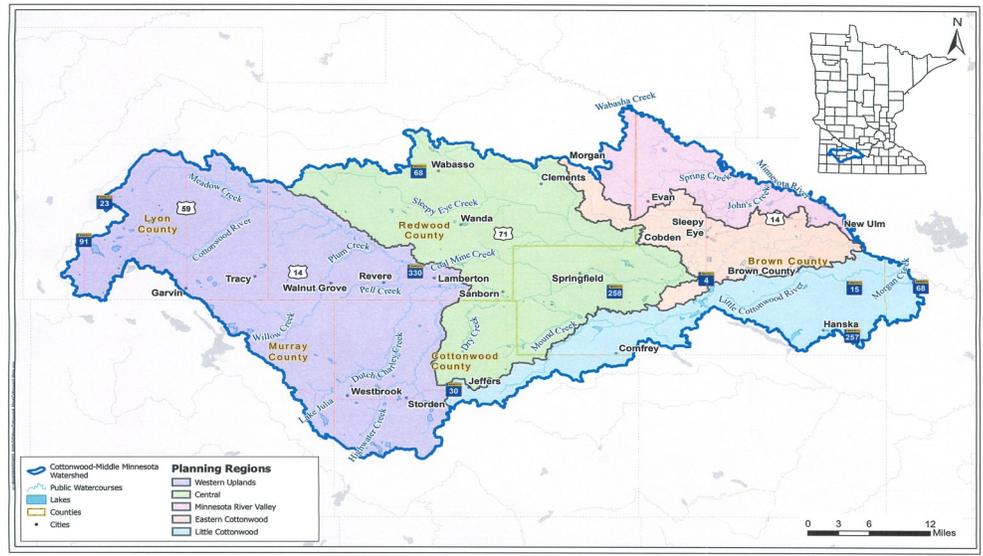
GRANT PERIOD:
 From: May 14, 2025
 To: December 31, 2027

Grant Expenditures (through Dec. 31, 2025)

Project BMPs

Agricultural Practices \$902,000 Budget	\$167,899.17
Non-Structural Practices \$384,000 Budget	\$4,620.00
SSTS Incentives \$100,000 Budget	\$20,000.00
Well Decommissioning \$20,000 Budget	\$2,512.50
Other Services	
Technical/Engineering \$200,000 Budget	\$3,412.50
Project Development \$107,370 Budget	\$2,837.06
Planning and Assessment \$30,000 Budget	\$10,000.00
Education & Information \$20,000 Budget	\$2,680.00
Grant Administration \$195,000 Budget	\$60,521.45
TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURES	\$274,482.68

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Overall Project Description

In 2011, the Local Government Water Roundtable determined that it is in the public interest to manage groundwater and surface water resources from the perspective of watersheds to achieve protection, preservation, enhancement, and restoration of the state's valuable water resources. The Roundtable recommended that the local governments charged with water management should organize and develop focused implementation plans on a watershed scale.

Legislation evolved for the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to adopt methods to allow comprehensive plans, local water management plans, or watershed management plans to serve as substitutes for one another, or to be replaced with one comprehensive watershed management plan. The **One Watershed, One Plan** Program aligned local planning and implementation with state strategies over a 10-year transition period into plans built largely around the state's major watersheds.

The Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was approved January 22, 2025. Following the development of policies, work plan and budget, Watershed Based Implementation Funds were provided for implementation of the Plan with a 10% local match required. Grant and fiscal administration is being provided by the Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) utilizing the existing Joint Powers Agreement. The Board of Directors serves as the Policy Committee to review and approve contracts, approve all grant expenditures, and oversee that measurable progress toward the Plan goals are being achieved. The Technical Committee provides guidance and expertise to the Board of Directors to ensure projects align with Plan goals and the policies and procedures developed for the implementation grant.

The Plan and other information may be found at:
<https://rcrca.com/cwmm-wbif-grant>

Technical Committee Members

Brown County & SWCD	Cottonwood County & SWCD
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