



# PIPESTONE CONSERVATION & ZONING OFFICE



"TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH EDUCATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, & STEWARDSHIP."



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## Come Find Us At Our New Office Location!

The Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Pipestone County Environmental Office also known as the Pipestone Conservation and Zoning Office has moved to a new office building in Pipestone, MN.

We are now located in the Pipestone County Government Center Southwest building located at 1016 8th Ave. SW along with the Pipestone County Extension Office and the Pipestone County A.C.E.

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## 2023 Conservationist of the Year

Gene and Linda Halbur, daughter Danielle, son in law, David, and grandkids Brantley, Sawyer, and Malachi all live by Jasper, MN. They operate a corn and soybean farm as well as a small cow/calf herd with some pasture. Over the years they have implemented conservation practices such as no-till, cover crops, grassed waterways, tree plantings, and manure management. Recently MN Ag Water Quality Certified, Eugene wants to credit the SWCD staff and their soil health assessment program for convincing him to make the transition to no-till. He has been quite pleased with his decision and has plans to work with his son-in-law, David, to keep these changes moving forward into the next farming generation.





## On-Farm Cover Crop Trials

3-year commitment to try cover crops on your farm

Producer Participation Stipend: \$1,000/year

Agronomist Stipend (if applicable): \$500/year

If you are uncertain about adopting cover crops, consider participating in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's on-farm cover crop trials for a three-year period. This program allows participants to witness the benefits cover crops can offer to their operations through pre- and post-soil health evaluations, along with initial impact assessments using soil tests. A cover crop consultant will collaborate with you and your agronomist (if available) to provide guidance and support throughout the program.



We can help you fix your erosion concerns!

## 90% cost share for structural conservation practices

Any land that falls within the high or medium-high priority sub watershed of the Missouri River Watershed, may be eligible to receive **90%** cost share on structural conservation practices. Practices on land outside of these priority boundaries may be eligible to be cost shared at **75%**.

### Structural Practices:

- Grassed Waterway
- Water and Sediment Control Basin
  - Farmable Terraces
  - Non-Farmable Terraces
- Side-Inlet Structures
- Grade Stabilization
- Controlled Drainage
- Wetland Restoration
- and more!



**FREE ESTIMATES AND SURVEY / DESIGN!**

February 2024

# NEW!

## TREE PROGRAM INCENTIVE PAYMENT

A 25% incentive payment may be applied on tree sites that have a SWCD developed tree plan and also utilize the SWCD planting and/or matting services. This incentive payment may only be applied on trees planted within Pipestone County.

In addition to this new incentive payment, we also will provide 100% but not to exceed \$500 per acre for tree removal provided new trees are planted where they were removed.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Pipestone SWCD collects monthly precipitation totals from local volunteer rain gauge readers. The volunteers take a few minutes each day to record data on a ledger or on-line and send this information to the SWCD. The SWCD then sends this information to the State Climatology Office. The state publishes a monthly precipitation record for the entire State of Minnesota.

The data collected by our volunteers is useful to government agencies and private organizations that use the data to predict flooding, delineate wetlands, and plan for environmental construction projects. Information is utilized by SWCDs for projects in runoff estimation models.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical>



## BUILDING PERMITS

As a reminder, if you are planning to move or build a new structure, a \$50 building permit is required before work can begin.

### Setbacks:

- *Township/County Road:* 100' from the center line of the road.
- *County State Aid Road:* 125' from the center line of the road.
- *State/Federal Hwy:* 150' from the center line of the road.
- *Side Yard and Rear Yard:* Setbacks may vary based on Zoning District and type of structure.

## Manure Spreader Calibration

Interested in figuring out your manure application rate but don't know how much volume of manure your spreader can hold? We have portable weigh scales available to help with manure spreader calibrations. Call us at least a day in advance, and we'll bring the scales out to you!



## Why Must I Keep Manure Records?

For registered feedlot sites of 100 animal units or greater, keeping manure records is a requirement under Minnesota Rule 7020.

Everyone who applies manure to cropland must observe application setbacks to water features and apply at agronomic rates. Proper manure application planning maximizes the benefits of manure while minimizing the costs and impacts on the crop production system and the environment. Keeping records of manure application activities not only aids in the planning process the following year but also documents the application process for compliance purposes.

When a feedlot owner applies for a permit, they must develop and maintain a manure management plan (MMP). Development of a MMP is recommended for all those that apply manure to ensure they utilize the nutrients properly, protect water quality, and minimize their cost for commercial fertilizers. Feedlots with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or State Disposal System (SDS) permit, must submit land application records as part of the yearly annual report to the MPCA.



Sign-Up begins  
March 4th!

# Walk-In Access

The Walk-In Access is a voluntary program that private landowners can enroll in, allowing the public to hunt, bird watch, photograph nature, and etc. between September 1st and May 31st each year.

Landowners receive \$18/acre/year to enroll quality habitat for a contract period of 1 to 3 years. Contracts can be cancelled at any time.

Must have a minimum of 40 acres or be adjacent to another publicly accessible site such as a wildlife management area.

Landowners entering into an agreement are afforded liability protection under MN Statute 604A.20 to 604A.27, the recreational use law.

