MORRISON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATIONS

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

OBJECTIVE ONE:

To work with landowners to plan, install and maintain conservation practices and programs to reduce soil erosions.

	GOALS & ACTIONS	STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE	DAYS NEEDED
1.	Promote Conservation Tillage		
•	Promote thru EQIP & CSP	District Staff / NRCS Staff	10
2.	Planning, Follow-Up and Maintenance		
•	Plan & revise plans for ACUB, EQIP, CSP and conservation compliance as needed	District Staff / NRCS Staff	175
	Spot-check and complete status reviews	ior:	
	State Cost-Share PracticesRIM / ACUBMAWQCP	Ringwelski / McLennan / Nouis / Becker Chisholm / McLennan / Ringwelski Ringwelski / Zapzalka / Stearns SWCD	20 20 20
•	Process appeals and answer / questions about wetland determinations	District Staff	15
•	Conduct wetland determinations for tax forfeiture sales	McLennan	.5
•	Administer Wetland Conservation Act	District Staff	100

GOALS & ACTIONS

STAFF & SUPERVISORS DAYS
RESPONSIBLE NEEDED

3. Application of Erosion Control Practices

•	Complete State Cost-Share and EQIP with e	rosion control or water quality problems in w	aters
	Sentinel Landscape Plan	District Staff / NRCS	40
•	Prepare news releases as needed	McLennan / NRCS	4
•	Conduct talks and tours for education classes	District Staff / NRCS Staff	4
•	Complete survey, design, layout and construction checks on conservation practices	District Staff / NRCS / WCTSA	70
•	Develop shoreland erosion control plans for county permits	Ringwelski / McLennan / Land Services	15
•	Implement Little Rock TMDL work plan	Benton / District Staff	5
•	Implement Crow Wing TMDL work plan	Wadena / Crow Wing / Morrison SWCD	1
•	Print order form in the newspaper and send the new order form to everyone who ordered the last three years	Nouis / Ringwelski	5
•	Process tree orders and develop as many plans as possible in the fall and winter	Nouis / Ringwelski	20
•	Coordinate the packing and delivery of tree orders	District Staff / Tree Help	20
•	Conduct tree open house	District Staff	4
•	Complete cert. and planting supervision	Ringwelski / McLennan / Heinen / Becker	3

4. Work with Landowners Who Request Help On

 Buffer Program, Conservation Planning, Wetland Preservation, Nutrient Management Planning, Army Compatible Use Buffer Program,

MAWQCP, EQIP, CSP, District Staff /

RCPP, and Wetland Restoration NRCS Staff / WCTSA Staff 130

STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE

DAYS NEEDED

OBJECTIVE TWO:

To improve and protect the quality and quantity of water and wetlands in Morrison County.

1. Assist Morrison County and the Land Services Department

	•	landscaping plans for shoreland development	Ringwelski / Land Services	5
	•	Implement Buffer Law	Ringwelski / McLennan / Becker	75
	•	Assist with feedlot applications	Ringwelski / McLennan / WCTSA / Heinen / Land Services	25
	•	Conduct 12 large scale Land Services environmental reviews, including surveying and designing plans	Ringwelski / McLennan / Heinen	60
	•	Attend public hearings for Conditional Use Permits & Variances	McLennan	10
	•	Apply for CWF funds to implement LWP strategies	McLennan / Nouis / Chisholm	10
2.	<u>A</u>	dminister the Local Water Plan Manageme	<u>nt</u>	
	•	Promote BMP's for problem sites on all shore land properties and buffer zone	SWCD Staff / Land Services Staff	25
	•	Work to promote further our water quality goals through administrating the Water Plan	Chisholm / McLennan / LWP Group Task Force	20
	•	Implement water plan strategies	SWCD Staff / Land Services Staff / BWSR	20
•	l	Assist Bowlus, Buckman, Little Falls, Royalt and Camp Ripley in wellhead		-
		protection planning / re-writes	McLennan / Chisholm / Cities	5
	•	Participate in watershed planning with neighboring counties	Morrison / Benton / Todd / Cass Crow Wing / Wadena / Mille Lacs	8

	GOALS & ACTIONS	STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE	DAYS NEEDED
•		Mclennan / Chisholm / Nouis / MPC County & Neighboring Counties	11
•	Assist County with Aquatic Invasive Education	Chisholm / McLennan / NRCS / DN Land Services / Lake Association	R / 2
•	Continue Mississippi River (Brainerd / Sartell) Monitoring	McLennan / Nouis / MPCA	5
3.	Installation of Ag Waste Systems		
•	Supervise installation 2 ag waste systems	District Staff / NRCS Staff / WCTS	A 15
4.	Ag Waste Management		
•	Provide ag waste management plans for new manure systems	WCTSA / NRCS / Zapzalka	5
5.	Feedlot Inventory		
•	Follow up on feedlot site problems as referred by local feedlot officer	Morrison County Feedlot Officer / Ringwelski / Zapzalka / McLennan	10
6.	Promote Wetlands for Wildlife		
•	Assist U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with their wetland restorations	Ringwelski / Beam (USFW)	2
•	Conduct site checks on wetlands in state banking program	Ringwelski / McLennan / TEP	1
•	Wetland bank management of County Banks / Site / TEP / Tech Time	McLennan	1
•	Protect existing wetland under the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)	SWCD Staff / Technical Eval. Panel	70
•	Assist landowners with new bank system	McLennan / Ringwelski	5

	GOALS & ACTIONS	STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE	DAYS NEEDED
7.	Water Management Plan		
•	Meetings - Hold 2 Task Force meetings to Water Plan & strategize	Chisholm / McLennan / Morrison County Task Force	5
•	Continue LCCMR Grant for drainage Management	Becker / Heinen / Nouis	240
8.	Process Water Permit Requests		
•	Review and comment on selected water permit requests	Ringwelski	2
•	Prepare conservation plans for Irrigation permits	Ringwelski	10
•	Review & work with irrigators in LR watershed to implement BMP irrigation plans	Benton SWCD Staff / Morrison SWC	CD Staff 1
9.	Promote and Manage the BMP's		
•	Work with landowners enrolled in ACUB program to incorporate Ag BMP Plans	McLennan / Chisholm / TNC / BWSR / Camp Ripley / NRCS	20

STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE

DAYS NEEDED

OBJECTIVE THREE:

To work with landowners to improve water quality forage and forest products.

1. Education or Info on Water Quality

	•	for county residents	District Staff	10
2.	W	Voodland Management		
	•	Develop Forest riparian buffers on Morrison County water courses	McLennan / Ringwelski / NRCS	5
	•	Assist MDA with Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan	Ringwelski	20
	•	Promote small woodlot management in the ACUB zone	District Staff / Crow Wing SWCD / BWSR TNC / MN Forest Resource Council	6
	•	Promote NRCS RCPP Program & Sentinel Landscape	District Staff / NRCS Staff / Camp Ripley / TNC	10
	•	Continue to promote forest management planning on ACUB Easements	Chisholm / Crow Wing SWCD	5
	•	Cooperate with DNR to eradicate oak wilt - working with landowners / contractors	DNR / District Staff / Landowners	6

STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE

DAYS NEEDED

OBJECTIVE FOUR:

To administer District activities and responsibilities.

1. Board of Supervisors Meeting

•	fourth Thursday of each month	District Staff / District Supervisors	12
•	Conduct staff evaluations annually	McLennan	1
•	Attend committee meetings as assigned	District Supervisors	4
•	Conduct financial planning for District	McLennan / Nouis / Finance Committee	3
2. <u>B</u>	WSR Required Reporting		
•	Produce eLink reporting requirements, including year-end financial statements and notes to the financial statements	Chisholm / Nouis	30
•	Produce annual plan Nouis / McL	ennan / NRCS / District Supervisors	3
3. <u>A</u>	dditional Program Maintenance		
•	Administer, report, maintain files, process a BMP, ACUB, WCA, LWP, State Cost Share and Contribution agreements with NRCS – LSOHC, CWF	pplications and perform Ag. District Staff	20
4. <u>E</u>	mployee Administration		
•	Conduct employee administrative duties, staff meetings, employee timesheets and files/evaluations	McLennan	3
•	Administer Employee Policy	McLennan	5
5. <u>C</u>	Ingoing Training		
•	Participate in administrative sessions	Nouis	8
•	Attend WCA, Buffer Law & feedlot rules training and recertification	Ringwelski / McLennan / Becker	36
•	Participate in training sessions and workshops as they become available	District Staff	5

GOALS & ACTIONS STAFF & SUPERVISORS DAYS RESPONSIBLE NEEDED

6. EEO and Civil Rights

 Ensure equal employment opportunities and civil rights for employees, employment applicants and program participants.
 McLennan
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7. Increase the Visibility of Morrison SWCD

•	Help sponsor educational programs for country schools: i.e. Water Festival, classroom presentations, outdoor classroom educational activities, Radio, Lake & River Day, Lake Assn. meetings, and Contractor training.		Assn.
	Maintain SWCD Website.	District Staff / NRCS Staff / County / Partners	15
•	Submit articles to news media	McLennan / Nouis	10
•	Work with area schools to discuss and demonstrate best management practices	McLennan / Ringwelski / Chisholm / Becker / NRCS	2
•	Work with area and state legislators to promote environmental initiatives (conduct tour)	McLennan / TNC / Camp Ripley / BWSR / County	5
•	Continue to promote the on-going public	awareness	

District Staff / NRCS Staff

35

- ➤ WCA Training Sessions
- ➤ WCA Contractor / Septic Designers / P & Z Staff
- > Tree Open House

& education activities listed below:

- Weekly Radio Spots
- > Township Government Training Sessions
- ➤ Water Management Task Force
- ➤ Lake and River Day
- > Tours and Feature Articles
- > County Commissioner Meetings
- ➤ Elected Official Training on Land Use Decisions
- ➤ Water Festival
- **Envirothon**
- ➤ Planning Commission Meetings
- ➤ Board of Adjustment Meetings
- ➤ Nitrate Clinic
- > SWCD Website
- > ACUB Annual Meeting
- > DRT Meetings
- ➤ Website Maintenance
- > Press Releases

STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE

DAYS NEEDED

20

OBJECTIVE FIVE:

Administer the State Cost-Share Program.

1. Program Administration

•	Administer program, take applications		
	and supervise the installation of practices	District Staff	10

2. Fund Administration

■ Erosion Control = 50%

	Water & Sediment Control Basins	15%
	Field Windbreaks	5%
	Waterways	5%
	Terraces	5%
	Critical Area Stabilization	5%
\triangleright	Forest Stewardship	15%

■ Water Quality = 50%

	Ag Waste / Feedlots	20%
\triangleright	Forest Riparian Buffers	5%
\triangleright	Wetland Restoration	5%
	Local Water Plan	20%

3. Practice Installation Priority Areas

 Practices will be installed in high priority areas located throughout the county, including but not limited to:

WCTSA / Ringwelski / Tech Staff

Water Erosion

- ➤ The Pierz Drumlin Area
- > The Brainerd Drumlin Area
- ➤ The Elmdale Upsala Area
- > South of the Swan River
- Mississippi River Watershed
- > The Brainerd Sartell Area
- ➤ Little Rock Watershed

GOALS & ACTIONS

STAFF & SUPERVISORS DAYS
RESPONSIBLE NEEDED

Wind Erosion

- > City of Royalton, Bellevue Township
- ➤ Southwest of Pierz
- ➤ Northwest of Royalton
- > Southwest of Buckman
- ➤ The Mississippi Sand Plain

Water Quality

- ➤ Along the many lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and other protected waters, with special emphasis on impaired waters and TMDL watersheds of the County as identified by MPCA/Morrison County Water Plan
- Areas identified in the Morrison County Water Management Plan and other water quality practices involved in the ACUB, CRP & ACUB Programs will be given a higher priority when funds are allocated.

STAFF & SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE

DAYS NEEDED

OBJECTIVE SIX:

Inter-Agency Cooperation and Relationships.

1. Education Partners

 Conduct educational workshops and special activities to Morrison County Schools/Communities

All Agencies / All Staff

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2. Inter-SWCD Partnerships

 Share training and technical responsibilities with surrounding county SWCD personnel All District Staff: Morrison / Todd / Wadena / Crow Wing / Benton / Mille Lacs / Cass / Stearns Counties

3

 Work with US Army Corp of Engineers and DNR on coordinated effort to administer the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)

District Staff / DNR / BWSR /USCOE

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3. Inter-Governmental Partnerships

 Work with Camp Ripley, BWSR, DNR, NRCS and TNC on Army Compatible Use Buffer Initiative

McLennan / BWSR / TNC / Chisholm / Camp Ripley / NRCS

100

Hold LWP Task Force Meetings

District / Land Services / DNR /
BWSR / TNC / MPCA / Camp Ripley /
City of LF / County Board / Royalton

12

 Work with all relevant groups to Secure CWF for specified initiatives County / Cities / LWP / Other Partners / District Board / District Staff

10

4. <u>District / Community Relationships</u>

 Work with landowners / Townships / other government units on neighbor conflict resolution

District Staff / Morrison County Courts / NRCS / Township Officials

5

DAYS NEEDED

OBJECTIVE SEVEN:

The District funds will be administered using the following 2018 Budget as a guideline...

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2018 BUDGET
Tree Program Income	\$ 60,000
Tree Products / S & H Fees	\$ 1,000
WCA Bank Sales Fees (BWSR) Pass-Thru	\$ 2,000
WCA Bank Sales Fees (Landowner) Pass-Thru	\$ 40,000
WCA Bank Sales Fees (SWCD)	\$ 1,500
WCA Permit Income	\$ 3,500
County Allocation	\$ 118,275
Land Services Environmental Reviews	\$ 6,000
NRBG (County Levy = \$7,018 & Local Water Plan = \$13,609)	\$ 20,627
WCA County Administration (NRBG)	\$ 30,298
ACUB Income	\$ 115,000
Buffer Grant FY17 & FY18 (Jump Start)	\$ 25,000
Local Capacity Services Grant	\$ 122,750
Conservation Delivery (Supervisor Per Diem / Exp.)	\$ 20,252
Easement Delivery (RIM T&A)	\$ 10,800
LCCMR Grant (Drainage Management) Reimbursable Only	\$ 70,000
Special Projects Income Pass-Thru	\$ 55,819
State Cost-Share Pass-Thru	\$ 22,808
Interest Income	\$ -0-
Miscellaneous Income (signs/plat books/PO/refunds, etc.)	\$ 3,000
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 728,629</u>

EXPENSES	2018 BUDGET
Employee Wages (Including: Drainage Buffer Tech. & 2 Temps.)	\$ 351,723
FICA (Employer: Medicare/Soc. Sec.)	\$ 29,419
Health Care Savings Plan	\$ 3,177
PERA (Employer)	\$ 20,811
Taxable Fringe	\$ 50,849
Supervisor Compensation	\$ 6,000
Audit Expense	\$ 2,700
Capital Outlay	\$ 12,000
Computer Expenses	\$ 15,000
Employee / Training / Internet Reimb. Expense	\$ 2,000
Insurance & Bonds Expense	\$ 8,200
Licenses & Dues Expense	\$ 4,500
Miscellaneous Exp. (signs/plat books/PO/refunds/RIM Monitoring)	\$ 1,000
Office Expenses (Tele/Internet/PO)	\$ 8,000
Office Rent Expense	\$ 11,250
Office Supplies Expense	\$ 6,000
Supervisor Expense	\$ 2,000
Vehicle Repairs / Gas Expense	\$ 4,000
Tree Program Expenses	\$ 40,000
Water Plan Expenses	\$ 3,000
WCA Bank Sales Fees (BWSR) Pass-Thru	\$ 2,000
WCA Bank Sales Fees (Landowner) Pass-Thru	\$ 40,000
ACUB Expense Pass-Thru BWSR Reimb.	\$ 20,000
Buffer Grant (Jump Start)	\$ -0-
Local Capacity Services Grant Exp.	\$ -0-
LCCMR Grant Exp. (Drainage Management)	\$ -0-
RCPP (Sentinel Landscape)	\$ -0-
Buffer Cost Share Exp.	\$ -0-
LCCMR Grant Exp.	\$ 50,000
Special Project Expenses Pass-Thru	\$ 20,000
State Cost-Share Expenses Pass-Thru	\$ 15,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 728,629</u>