

## Rural Preserves Property Tax Program Approved Planner Criteria

At their February 8, 2010, the Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors approved the following criteria that must be met in order to write Rural Preserves Conservation Management Plans (CMP) for Sherburne County landowners. For all non-SWCD employees, approved planners are required to have:

Post secondary degree (2 or 4 year) in natural resource field such as forestry, conservation biology, soils, natural resource management, or related field and at least 1 year professional work experience, **or**

At least 3 years professional/technical work experience in the natural resource field.

A brief resume outlining these qualifications shall be submitted to the SWCD.

Additionally, approved planners are required to attend a training session (1 hr.) with SWCD staff during which BWSR CMP requirements will be reviewed, as well as the local CMP format. Contact the SWCD office to schedule this training.

The SWCD charges a \$50/individual fee for planner approval.

Note: Planner approval is subject to revocation by the SWCD Board based upon the quality of the plans written and plan acceptance rate.

Upon completion of the above, approved planners contact information will be added to the approved planners list that is provided by the SWCD to the landowner.

For more information about the Rural Preserves approved planner criteria, contact [flarson@sherburneswcd.org](mailto:flarson@sherburneswcd.org) or call 763-241-1170, ext. 3.

For more information about BWSR-CMP writing training, contact [www.bwsr.state.mn.us](http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us).

For more information about the Rural Preserves Property Tax Program, contact the Minnesota Department of Revenue at [www.taxes.state.mn.us](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us).