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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT SHERBURNE SWCD-NFMP IMPLEMENTATION FOR PERIOD ENDING 9/30/2017

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SWIFT #	PO NUMBER	PREPARED BY
Implementing the NFMP in Sherburne County	125380	24006	Francine Larson District Manager

STATUS SUMMARY – GOAL & OBJECTIVES OBTAINED / ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

The goal of the project is to assist with implementation of Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan in areas found to have elevated levels of nitrate in drinking water in Sherburne County. To-date, two townships (Haven & Clear Lake) have been identified as exceeding the Health Risk Limit for nitrates. The SWCD has identified potential advisory team members and hosted and facilitated a pre-LAT meeting along with MDA and U of M Extension staff. The SWCD reserved the meeting location, 2 staff members attended the meeting, and the minutes of the meeting were taken and distributed to the LAT members. The group discussion went well, generating a number of questions. The SWCD continues to field NFMP inquiries via phone and in-person.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
Questions	Many questions that the LAT had during the pre-meeting could not be answered at the time and follow-up was needed.
Benchmark/ Goals	Members expressed frustration because benchmark conditions in Sherburne County are unclear. I.e. which Nitrogen Recommendations are we already following and what is the current adoption rate? We were able to provide local opinions but nothing was concrete for what the acceptance is. The LAT wanted to know where we are starting from, otherwise it's hard to set clear goals.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	SPENT	% OF TOTAL
Task 1	Partnership Administration	\$644.34	14%
Task 2	Field Trial – Set-up	\$0.00	0%
Task 3	Meeting Planning and Assistance	\$0.00	0%
Task 4	Public Outreach	\$0.00	0%