State Cost Share Program Process

The State Cost-Share Program was created to provide funds to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) for the implementation of conservation practices that protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation.

Through the program, landowners can request financial and technical assistance from the Sherburne SWCD for the implementation of approved practices. Cost-share can cover between 40%-65% (see back for details) of eligible costs with a cap of $1,000 (projects up to $4,000) or a cap of $5,000 (projects exceeding $4,000). Cost-share projects must have a minimum life span of 10 years.

1. MEETING
   Initial on-site consultation with Sherburne SWCD to discuss conservation practice options.

2. DESIGN
   Select a contractor from list provided by SWCD to receive a design and cost estimate.

3. APPLICATION & RANKING
   Complete an application by Apr 1 or Aug 1 with SWCD assistance. Applications will be ranked to determine priority.

4. CONTRACT
   For successfully ranked projects, SWCD will complete a cost-share contract form using contractor’s estimate.

5. APPROVAL
   The completed cost share contract must be presented the SWCD Board for approval.

6. INSTALLATION
   Once contract is approved by SWCD Board, installation of the project can begin.

7. REIMBURSEMENT
   Upon completion all receipts, paid invoices, and in-kind hours must be turned into SWCD for reimbursement approval.
Cost-Share Level Determination

- 65%: Project is directly connected to or will directly impact a surface water or other high priority resource such as groundwater.
- 60%: Project is not directly connected or will not directly impact surface water or other high priority resource such as groundwater.
- 50%: Project is located within a priority watershed (see map).

Sherburne County Priority Watersheds & Protection Areas

- TMDL approved Priority Watershed
- Drinking Water / Wellhead Protection Area

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