



Sherburne SWCD

PROGRESS REPORT SHERBURNE SWCD-MDH GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2022

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SWIFT CONTRACT#	REQ ID	CONTACT
Accelerated Implementation Grant	213002	5809	Francine Larson District Manager

STATUS SUMMARY – GOAL & OBJECTIVES OBTAINED / ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

Sherburne SWCD will establish an outreach and education network for cities, townships and residents. This will allow residents to better understand their drinking water from private wells and how we can all impact ground water quality in all landscapes.

- Nitrate Clinics - Two workshops, more than 40 samples were tested with additional assistance and questions answered regarding Nitrates to anyone that stopped at the booth.
- Turf BMP Workshop – One workshop was hosted in Elk River for the General Public, partnering with Blue Thumb. There were 7 attendees, 17 registered.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Two social media posts were submitted on the SWCD Facebook page, and 4 social media posts were submitted on the Blue Thumbs Facebook page advertising the Turf Alternative workshop. One social media post was submitted for each nitrate clinic. The information was also included in each event flyer.
Nitrate Clinics	Two nitrate clinics were hosted, one in conjunction with a dog vaccination clinic in Big Lake Township, the other in conjunction with the Wildlife Festival at the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.
Turf BMP Workshop	One workshop was hosted for the public on turf alternatives in partnership with the Blue Thumb. Staff has begun planning a BMP workshop for County, City, and township staffs to take place in March.
Precision Ag Survey	Staff has begun developing the Precision Ag Survey that will collect data on benchmark BMP adoption in Sherburne County.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
Low Attendance	Attendance at the Turf Alternative workshop was low compared to the number registered. This could have been due to the time of day or location of the event. All those registered still received access to the information presented.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	% OF TOTAL
Task 1	Administration	\$2,889.96	\$486.13	\$1,408.11	17%
Task 2	Workshops / Project Management	\$7,403.40	\$1,155.00	\$6,248.40	16%

Task 3	Education & Outreach	\$550.00	\$57.17	\$492.83	10%
Task 4	Consultant	\$4,500.00	0.00	\$4,500.00	0%
Task 5	Incentive Payments – Well Testing	\$5,000.00	0.00	\$5,000.00	0%
		\$20,343.36	\$1,698.30	\$17,649.34	8%



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 FOR PERIOD ENDING 03/31/2023

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- Sherburne SWCD staff planned and hosted a Best Management Practices for Turf Workshop in partnership with U of Minnesota Extension and the Minnesota DNR. The audience for the presentation was County, City, School, and township staff managing turf.
- SWCD Staff spent time organizing an online Alternative Turf Workshop with Blue Thumb, targeting landowners managing turf for mid-April.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Two social media posts were submitted on the SWCD Facebook page advertising the municipalities Turf Alternative workshop and two social media posts were submitted for the public Alternative Turf workshop. The information was also included in numerous event flyers.
Nitrate Clinics	A nitrate clinic is being planned for early May at Haven Township. Promotion will be done through Haven Township Clerk via Township newsletters and targeted postings.
Turf BMP Workshop	One workshop was hosted for the County, City, and township staff on turf alternatives in partnership with the U of Minnesota Extension and the Minnesota DNR. The SWCD will be doing a follow up podcast with the U of M speaker as part of our conservation podcast series. One online workshop is being planned for mid-April.
Precision Ag Survey	Staff developed a Precision Ag Survey collected data on benchmark BMP adoption in Sherburne County.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
Low Attendance	Attendance at the Municipalities Turf Alternative workshop was low compared to the number registered. This was due to the weather. All those registered still received access to the information presented.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	% OF TOTAL
Task 1	Administration	\$2,889.96	\$1,101.78	\$1,788.18	38%
Task 2	Workshops / Project Management	\$7,403.40	\$1,840.56	\$5,562.84	25%
Task 3	Education & Outreach	\$550.00	\$57.17	\$492.83	10%
Task 4	Consultant	\$4,500.00	\$1,560.00	\$2,940.00	35%
Task 5	Incentive Payments – Well Testing	\$5,000.00	0.00	\$5,000.00	0%
		\$20,343.36	\$4,559.51	\$15,783.85	22%



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PROGRESS REPORT SHERBURNE SWCD-MDH GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FOR PERIOD ENDING 06/30/2023

PROJECT SUMMARY

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- Sherburne SWCD staff spent planning an alternative workshop, facilitated by Blue Thumb, at the beginning of April. This was an online event that target Sherburne County residents, spurring great conversations.
- SWCD Staff spent time working with the City of Big Lake and the City of Becker on planning turf workshops scheduled for July.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Social media posts advertising turf basics podcast with U of M Extension staff in May.
Nitrate Clinics	Hosted a nitrate clinic at the Haven Township cleanup event. We ran over 35 samples with several results above the health limit standard of 10 ppm. We spoke to many landowners regarding water quality and what they can do to provide clean drinking water for their families.
Virtual Outreach	One virtual workshop held in partnership with the Blue Thumb, 30 people registered for this event. The SWCD also recorded a podcast with U of M Extension staff, discussing sustainable lawn care.
In Person Outreach	Working closely with MN Rural Water Association, the City of Big Lake, the City of Becker, and the U of M Extension to plan two in person events set to take place in July.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
Communication	Poor communication from partners while planning events

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	% OF TOTAL
Task 1	Administration	\$2,889.96	\$1,383.46	\$1,506.51	48%
Task 2	Workshops / Project Management	\$7,403.40	\$2,765.19	\$4,638.22	37%
Task 3	Education & Outreach	\$550.00	\$166.79	\$383.21	30%
Task 4	Consultant	\$4,500.00	\$3,060.00	\$1,440.00	68%
Task 5	Incentive Payments – Well Testing	\$5,000.00	0.00	\$5,000.00	0%
		\$20,343.36	\$7,304.26	\$13,039.11	36%



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FOR PERIOD ENDING 09/30/2023

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- Sherburne SWCD staff spent time planning and facilitating two Nitrate Clinics for Private Wells. Both events took place in September.
- SWCD Staff spent time planning and facilitating Best Management for Turf Workshops with the City of Big Lake and the City of Becker in July. Partners participating were City staff members, U of MN Turf Sciences and MN Rural Water Association.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Social media posts advertising Nitrate Clinics and Turf workshops throughout the summer.
Nitrate Clinics	Hosted a nitrate clinic at the Big Lake Township Dog Vaccination Clinic early September; over 15 samples were run. A second clinic was hosted at the Wildlife Festival in late September near Princeton; 8 samples were run. We spoke to many landowners regarding water quality and what they can do to provide clean drinking water for their families.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
Communication	Poor communication from partners while planning events

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Administration	\$2,889.96	\$2140.16	\$749.81	74%
Task 2	Workshops / Project Management	\$7,403.40	\$4,466.65	\$2,936.76	60%
Task 3	Education & Outreach	\$550.00	\$189.79	\$360.21	30%
Task 4	Consultant	\$4,500.00	\$3,060.00	\$1,440.00	68%
Task 5	Incentive Payments – Well Testing	\$5,000.00	0.00	\$5,000.00	0%
		\$20,343.36	\$9,856.59	\$10,486.77	48%



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- Sherburne SWCD staff spent time creating and implanting a private well testing cost share program. Activities include creating a contract, webpage, promotional materials and facilitating requests. We have had almost 30 landowners contact us for more information or to fill out at application.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Social media posts advertising Private Well Testing cost share was utilized within our own Facebook page as well as City and Community Facebook pages.
Environmental Educator	Information regarding the Private Well Testing Program and the importance of testing your private well was published in the Sherburne County Environmental Educator which is mailed to each resident.
Private Well Testing	We have had almost 30 landowners contact us for more information or to fill out at application through phone calls or requests through our website.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
N/A	

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Administration	\$2,889.96	\$2,598.21	\$291.76	90%
Task 2	Workshops / Project Management	\$7,403.40	\$5,195.02	\$2,208.39	70%
Task 3	Education & Outreach	\$550.00	\$189.79	\$360.21	35%
Task 4	Consultant	\$4,500.00	\$3,060.00	\$1,440.00	68%
Task 5	Incentive Payments – Well Testing	\$5,000.00	\$325.00	\$4,675.00	7%
		\$20,343.36	\$11,368.01	\$8,975.35	56%



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SHERBURNE SWCD-MDH GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

FOR PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2024

PROJECT SUMMARY

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Sherburne SWCD will establish an outreach and education network for cities, townships and residents. This will allow residents to better understand their drinking water from private wells and how we can all impact ground water quality in all landscapes. During this quarter:

- Sherburne SWCD staff spent time implementing the private well testing cost share program. Activities include facilitating requests, contracts, and payments. We have had almost 40 landowners contact us for more information or to fill out at application. We have cost-shared 21 well tests to date.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Social media posts advertising Private Well Testing cost share as well as our April BMP Workshop.
Spring BMP Workshop	Staff spent time planning a Spring BMP workshop for water quality and pollinators in Becker, a targeted DWSMA. Speakers will include SWCD staff, U of MN Extension, and USFWS.
Private Well Testing	We have had more than 40 landowners contact us for more information or to fill out at application through phone calls or requests through our website.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
N/A	

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Administration	\$2,889.96	\$2,889.96	\$0.00	100%
Task 2	Workshops / Project Management	\$8,843.40	\$7,325.17	\$1,518.24	83%
Task 3	Education & Outreach	\$550.00	\$189.79	\$360.21	35%
Task 4	Consultant	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00	\$0.00	100%
Task 5	Incentive Payments – Well Testing	\$5,000.00	\$1,620.00	\$3,380.00	32%
		\$20,343.36	\$15,084.92	\$5,258.45	74%



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PROGRESS REPORT SHERBURNE SWCD-MDH GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FOR PERIOD ENDING 6/28/2024

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SWIFT CONTRACT#	REQ ID	CONTACT
Accelerated Implementation Grant	213002	5809	Francine Larson District Manager

STATUS SUMMARY – GOAL & OBJECTIVES OBTAINED / ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

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- Sherburne SWCD staff spent time implementing the private well testing cost share program. Activities include facilitating requests, contracts, and payments. We had more than 40 landowners contact us for more information or to fill out an application, many are new contacts. The Sherburne SWCD hosted a spring BMP workshop in Becker as well as hosting two Nitrate clinics in Haven and Elk River Townships.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Social media posts advertising private well testing cost share, nitrate clinics as well as our April BMP Workshop.
Well Test Kits	With remaining funds from the private well testing program, 10 test kits were purchased and delivered to Sherburne County Health and Human Services to be distributed to SNAP and WIC users.
Private Well Testing	We have had more than 40 landowners contact us for more information or to fill out an application through phone calls or requests through our website. 26 well tests were cost shared.
Spring BMP Workshop	Staff spent time planning a Spring BMP workshop for water quality and pollinators in Becker, a targeted DWSMA. Speakers included SWCD staff, U of MN Extension, and USFWS.
Nitrate Clinics	SWCD Staff hosted two Nitrate Clinics, one in Have and the other in Elk River. We sampled over 50 samples for Nitrates and had many conversations surrounding drinking water and water quality best management practices

BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Administration	\$2,889.96	\$2,889.96	\$0.00	100%
Task 2	Workshops / Project Management	\$10,601.22	\$10,601.22	\$0.00	100%
Task 3	Education & Outreach	\$289.43	\$289.43	\$0.00	100%
Task 4	Consultant	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00	\$0.00	100%
Task 5	Incentive Payments – Well Testing	\$3,502.75	\$3,502.75	\$0.00	100%
		\$20,343.36	\$20,343.36	\$0.00	100%