



# Sherburne SWCD

## PROGRESS REPORT SHERBURNE SWCD-MDH GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FOR PERIOD ENDING 9/30/2025

### PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SWIFT CONTRACT#	EXPIRATION DATE	CONTACT
Groundwater Restoration & Protection Strategies	268323	January 29, 2027	Francine Larson District Manager

### STATUS SUMMARY – GOAL & OBJECTIVES OBTAINED / ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

The primary goal of the project is to provide an update, and expansion, to the Township Testing Program data set that was produced by MDA in 2014. The focus area is Clear Lake and Haven Township, creating an updated data set in Clear Lake and Haven Township to base targeting for education, outreach, and Best Management Practices as well as Alternative Management Tools outlined in Sherburne's Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan.

During this quarter:

- Sherburne SWCD staff spent time finalizing the targeted mailing list for the Nitrate Testing Kit dispersal. Staff also planned, advertised, and facilitated a Nitrate Clinic in Clear Lake Township.

### OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Social Media Posts	Social media posts advertising for the Clear Lake Nitrate Clinic. The Nitrate Clinic was also posted at the Clear Lake Township Hall and advertised in our e-Newsletter.
Nitrate Clinics	Clinic was held in Clear Lake Township, staff ran 30 samples with 9 being above the 10 ppm health limit. We also used the opportunity to present to the Clear Lake Township board on funding opportunities and program opportunities in their area.
Mailing List	Developed mailing list utilizing MDA data set

### CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
Staff Reduction	Reduction in staff led to a minor delay in developing the targeted mailing list. Anticipated mailing scheduled for early fall.

### BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Administration	\$2,958.56	\$120.95	\$2,837.62	4%
Task 2	Project Development / Outreach & Education	\$3,175.50	\$440.15	\$2,735.36	14%
Task 3	Technical Assistance	\$4,951.70	\$0.00	\$4,951.70	0%
Task 4	Outreach Materials	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	0%
Task 5	Nitrate Clinics	\$2,468.24	\$1,713.79	\$754.45	69%

Task 6	500 Nitrate Samples	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	0%
		<b>\$35,054.00</b>	<b>\$2,274.88</b>	<b>\$32,779.12</b>	<b>6%</b>

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Salary/Fringe	\$13,504.00	\$2,274.88	\$11,229.12	17%
Task 2	Supplies	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	0%
Task 3	Contractual	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	0%

**Free Nitrate Water Testing Clinics**

## Free Nitrate Water Testing



Sherburne SWCD will be offering Free nitrate testing to private well owners. In order to participate in the testing, homeowners must bring at least one cup of cold water in a plastic bag or glass jar. On-site results available.

Homeowner with water treatment equipment should take 2 water samples - 1 before and 1 after the treatment process. Homeowners with only a water softener should take 1 sample, either before or after the water passes through the water softer.

**To collect a water sample:**  
Run cold tap water for 1 minute.  
Collect 1 cup in a plastic bag or glass jar.  
Keep water cold.



**Big Lake Lions Park**  
Saturday, September 6th 2025 9am-12pm  
(21960 Co Rd 5, Big Lake, MN 55309)

**Clear Lake Township Hall**  
Tuesday, August 19th 2025 3pm-7pm  
(7938 116th St SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319)

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Sherburne SWCD's next free nitrate testing clinic is coming up on 8/19 at Clear Lake Township Hall from 3-7pm.

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### Available at Clear Lake Township Hall



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Collect 1 cup in a plastic bag or glass jar.  
Keep water cold.

Homeowners with water treatment equipment should take 2 water samples - 1 before and 1 after the treatment process. Homeowners with just a water softener should only take 1 sample, either before or after the water passes through the water softener.

**Nitrate Water Testing** Tuesday, August 19th 3:00pm - 7:00pm  
Clear Lake Township Hall  
7938 116th St SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319





# Sherburne SWCD

## PROGRESS REPORT SHERBURNE SWCD-MDH GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2025

### PROJECT SUMMARY

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Groundwater Restoration & Protection Strategies	268323	January 29, 2027	Francine Larson District Manager

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During this quarter:

- Sherburne SWCD staff spent time mailing letters to the target Clear Lake and Haven lists and creating the framework for sample distribution.

### OUTREACH EFFORTS

ACTIVITY	NOTES
Mailing List	The mailing list was finalized, and letters were sent to Clear Lake and Haven Township Residents on December 8 <sup>th</sup> . 874 parcels were included.
Project Management	Staff has spent time recording responses and answering questions from residents that received a letter.
Distribution Coordination	Staff spent time coordinating with Township Staff on hosting distribution and pick up opportunities. Time was also spent coordinating with Water Lab Inc, purchasing kits, reviewing testing protocol, and date release language.

### CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

ISSUE	NOTES
Staff Reduction	Reduction in staff led to a delay in the project however a new hire started in October and has assisted in moving the project forward.

### BUDGET OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Administration	\$2,958.56	\$483.78	\$2,474.78	16%
Task 2	Project Development / Outreach & Education	\$3,175.50	\$2150.57	\$1024.93	68%
Task 3	Technical Assistance	\$4,951.70	\$169.88	\$4,781.83	3%
Task 4	Outreach Materials	\$1,500.00	\$726.50	\$773.50	48%

Task 5	Nitrate Clinics	\$2,468.24	\$1,713.79	\$754.45	69%
Task 6	500 Nitrate Samples	\$20,000.00	\$5,600.00	\$14,400.00	28%
		<b>\$35,054.00</b>	<b>\$10,844.52</b>	<b>\$24,209.49</b>	31%

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING	%
Task 1	Salary/Fringe	\$13,504.00	\$4,518.02	\$8,985.99	33%
Task 2	Supplies	\$1,550.00	\$726.50	\$823.50	0%
Task 3	Contractual	\$20,000.00	\$1,550.00	\$14,400.00	28%