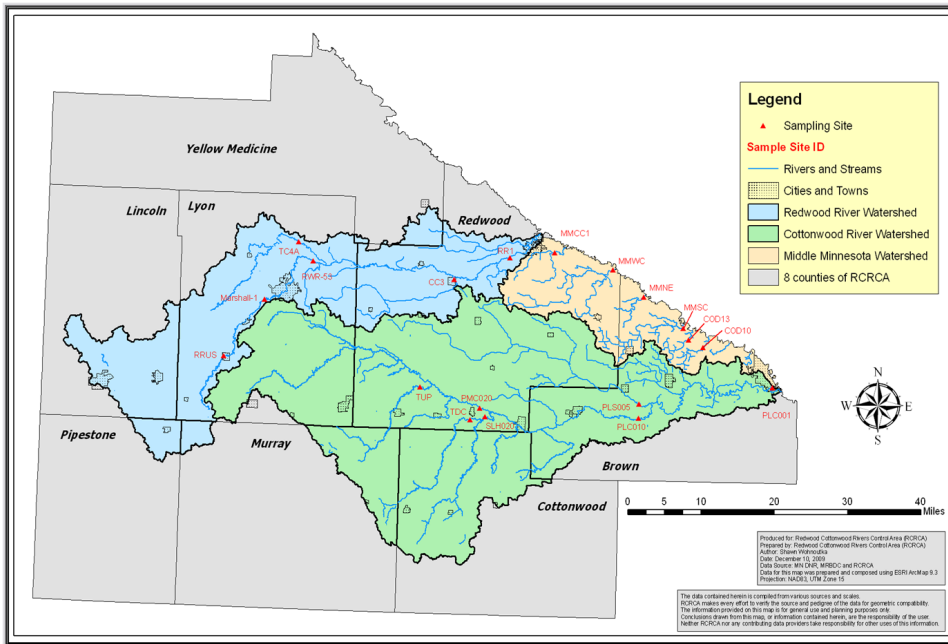


Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area

2012 Accomplishments



Established 1983

Joint Powers Organization
of SWCD and governments
of the 8 member counties

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ORGANIZATION FACTS:

Work Area: 2020 square miles; (Redwood River Watershed - 710, Cottonwood River Watershed - 1310)

Number of Cities: Parts of 32

Number of Townships: Parts of 80

Member Counties: Brown, Cottonwood, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine

Cities: Marshall, Florence, Russell, Lynd, Ghent, Lake Benton (Partial), Tyler, Ruthton, Milroy, Redwood Falls (partial), Seaforth, Vesta, Balaton (partial), Clements, Cobden, Dovray (partial), Evan (partial), Garvin (partial), Jeffers (partial), Lamberton, Leavenworth, Lucan, New Ulm (partial), Revere, Sanborn, Sleepy Eye, Springfield, Storden, Tracy, Wabasso, Walnut Grove, Wanda, Westbrook

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Ongoing Projects and Activities:

-Cottonwood River Phosphorus Reduction Continuation:

Granted through the Minnesota CWP Continuation Implementation funds, this grant is to achieve non-point pollution reduction through education, outreach, BMP implementation cost-share, and incentives as well as effectiveness stream monitoring. The grant was awarded in Sept., 2009 and is to finish on June 30, 2013.

- Redwood/Cottonwood River Nutrient Reduction CWL Project:

Granted through the EPA Section 319 Implementation funds, this grant is to achieve non-point pollution reduction through education, outreach, BMP implementation cost-share, and incentives as well as effectiveness stream monitoring. The grant was awarded in September, 2009 and is to finish on August 31, 2013.

-Redwood River Non-Point Pollution Reduction: Granted through the EPA Section 319 Implementation funds, this grant is to achieve non-point pollution reduction through education, outreach, BMP implementation cost-share, and incentives as well as effectiveness stream monitoring. The grant was awarded in April, 2010 and is to finish on August 31, 2014.

-Cottonwood Streambank Inventory and Prioritization Project:

Granted through the EPA Section 319 Implementation funds, this grant is to achieve non-point pollution reduction through education, outreach, BMP implementation cost-share, and incentives as well as effectiveness stream monitoring, as well as priority area inventory development and analysis . The grant was awarded in April, 2012 and is to finish on August 31, 2016.

-FY13 BWSR - RCRCA Targeted Drainage Water Management Project:

Granted through the BWSR from appropriated CWF funds, this grant is to achieve non-point pollution reduction through cost-shared implementation of alternative drainage techniques and planning to manage tile drainage water and overland nutrients in an effort to reduce volume and nutrient issues in the watersheds of RCRCA. The grant was awarded in September, 2012 and is to finish on December 31, 2015.

-FY13 BWSR - RCRCA Accelerated Implementation Grant Project:

Granted through the BWSR through competitive application CWF funds, this grant is to build an implementation targeting tool for near channel channelization/gully erosion prioritization maps by analyzing and modeling LiDAR data within sub-watersheds already prioritized for TMDL impairments . The grant was awarded in February, 2013 and is to finish on December 31, 2015.

-FY13 BWSR - RCRCA Clean Water Assistance Project:

Granted through the BWSR through competitive application CWF funds, this grant is to achieve non-point pollution reduction through education, outreach, BMP implementation cost-share, and incentives within targeted areas and ready to build contracts with known pollution reduction analysis estimates. The grant was awarded in February, 2013 and is to finish on December 31, 2015.

RCRCA Principal Waters Pollutant Load Monitoring Network Project:

Contracted through the MPCA WPLMN monitoring funds, this contract is to provide watershed pollutant load monitoring at primary and sub-primary sites under the procedures put forth by the MPCA. The grant was awarded in late-2012 and to accomplish monitoring activities for the 2013 and 2014 sampling years.

RCRCA Middle Minnesota Surface Water Assessment Grant Project:

Contracted through the MPCA SWAG monitoring funds, this contract is to provide watershed pollutant sampling and monitoring selected sites under the procedures put forth by the MPCA. The grant was awarded in January-2013 and to accomplish monitoring activities for intensive assessment programs in the 2013 and 2014 sampling years.

- Redwood/Cottonwood River Septic Loan Project FY13:

Granted through the Minnesota CWP Implementation funds and state revolving loan funds, this grant/loan program is to achieve non-point pollution reduction through implementation of \$510,000.00 for low-interest septic loans in the Cottonwood and Redwood River Watersheds; The grant was awarded in June, 2013 and is to finish in June, 2016.

2012 Expenses:

Administration:	\$134,785
Education/Outreach:	\$15,515
Monitoring/Assessment:	\$45,920
Implementation:	\$288,683
Total Expenses:	\$484,903

Future Projects:

- Pursue grants to research extent of non-point sediment sources attributed to bank erosion, on-field practice effectiveness on pollution reduction, and implementation funds
- Implement cost-share, incentive, loan, education, and monitoring programs in place
- Seek funds for activities outlined in forthcoming TMDL Implementation Plan Suite