



## Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services

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Len Kremer  
Bassett Creek WMC  
Barr Engineering  
4700 West 77th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55435

Dear Len Kremer:

The Minnesota Legislature awarded Hennepin County \$500,000 from the Minnesota Clean Water Fund to implement the Riparian Restoration and Stream Bank Stabilization Program. The Clean Water Fund receives one third of the revenues resulting from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. The purpose of the Riparian Restoration and Stream Bank Stabilization Program is to fund projects that will reduce erosion and stabilize stream banks throughout the county. Hennepin County intends to make these funds available through grants to local governments for projects that meet program criteria. Local governments eligible for these funds include cities, watershed districts, joint-powers watershed organizations and park districts.

Streams in Hennepin County are negatively impacted by changes in runoff volumes and intensities due to urbanization. Bank erosion is significantly degrading the quality of these streams and downstream receiving waters. Priority will be given to applicants and projects that:

- Incorporate the use of Minnesota Conservation Corps or the Tree Trust;
- Are identified as a priority by the local water management organization;
- Address the erosion and bank stabilization of streams listed as impaired or tributary to impaired waters; and
- Provide significant leverage of grant funds from other sources.

For additional information regarding the Riparian Restoration and Stream Bank Stabilization Program and how to apply go to: [www.Hennepin.us/streambankgrants](http://www.Hennepin.us/streambankgrants)

Sincerely,

Joel C. Settles, Supervisor  
Natural Resources Unit

## BWSR Clean Water Funds

Agency Fund	FY10 Amount*	Governmental Units Eligible for Funding	Required Match*
Runoff Reduction Grants	\$2,460,000	Watershed Districts, WMOs	25% with local cash or in-kind cash value
Clean Water Assistance Grant	\$2,650,000	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, and Counties	25% with local cash or in-kind cash value
Feedlot Water Quality Management Grant	\$2,500,000	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities, and JPBs of these organizations	25% with local cash or in-kind cash value
Shoreland Improvement Grants	\$1,400,000	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities, and JPBs of these organizations	25% with local cash or in-kind cash value
Conservation Drainage Advancement Grants	\$200,000	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, and JPBs of these organizations	25% with local cash or in-kind cash value
SSTS Program Grants	\$2,200,000	Counties	
Buffer Easements	\$3,250,000	SWCDs	
Well Head Protection Easements	\$1,000,000	SWCDs	

\*Subject to change

### Anticipated Timeline for BWSR FY 2010 Competitive Grants\*

October 15, 2009      Application period begins  
 October 22, 2009      Open house at Capitol Region Watershed District  
 December 1, 2009      Application deadline  
 January 27, 2010      BWSR Board authorizes awards  
 February 2010          Grant agreements sent out to recipients  
 April 30, 2010          Grant agreements and workplans due

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