

Cost-share Programs Offered by the Hennepin Conservation District

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Conservation Practice (BMP) Cost-share-

HCD has approximately \$14,000.00 available in 2013, to assist land owners with installing soil erosion control and/or water quality protection best management practices. The source of this funding is the Mn BWSR and is available only to the 90 soil and water conservation districts.

Depending on the project site and the desired outcome, the HCD can cost up to 75% of all eligible construction and material costs.

The project must be designed by either a MN Professional Engineer and/or meet NRCS Technical Guide Standards.

The project must have a minimum life of 10 years and must be maintained by the land-owner.

Interested parties must contact authorized HCD staff for application and more information.

The HCD Board determines which project(s) and how much cost-share funding it will provide based on District conservation priorities.

Non-Point Engineering Assistance (NPEAP)-

Each year, the Metro Assoc. of Conservation Districts (there are 11 SWCDs in the Assoc. of Metro Conservation Districts) receives approximately \$120,000 in funding from the MN BWSR to assist the 11 conservation districts work with land owners to apply water quality protection best management practices (BMP).

Typical assistance includes site assessment, BMP selection, BMP design, bidding assistance, and construction over-sight and certification of BMP construction. Often NPEAP complements BMP cost-share assistance.

The HCD must compete with the other districts of the Metro Assoc. of SWCDs for these funds. Historically, these funds are allocated on a first-come first serve basis and highest priority are given to those project where there is a commitment to construct a BMP and local match of the engineering assistance is available.

The HCD Board determines which project(s) and how much funding it will seek based on District conservation priorities.

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Stormwater Retro-fit Assessment

The HCD has \$18,000 available, in the 1st half of 2013, to assist local units of government (water management jurisdictions and municipalities) assess small watersheds for opportunities to retro-fit the stormwater management system to protect water quality. District funding must be matched on a 1:1.25 basis.

Retro-fit assessments, completed by district staff, will identify the best geographic locations to install BMPs, provide estimated BMP construction and long-term maintenance costs, and identify how effective they will be in removing suspended solids and phosphorous. Note: These assessments have had the added bonus of providing high-quality and extremely competitive BWSR Clean Water Legacy Grant requests.

Interested parties must contact authorized HCD staff for application and more information.

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