

**Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District**

**FINAL-FY 2012: Service Grants: Conservation Delivery, Easement Delivery, Farm Bill Assistant, Walk In Access**

**BWSR Service Grants:**

Conservation Delivery - \$19,896  
Easement Delivery - \$5,585

**Funds Returned to State**

N/A

**Farm Bill Assistant:**

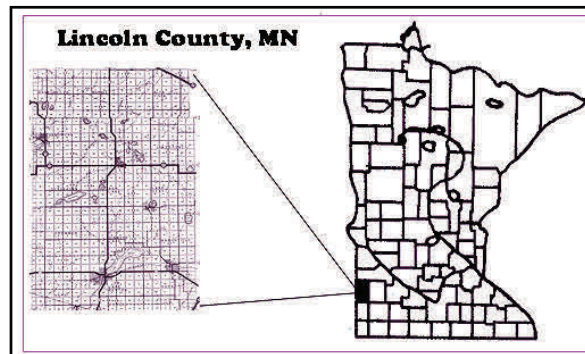
Farm Bill Assistant - \$28,553 total. These grant dollars are received on a quarterly reimbursement basis based on a monthly progress report being submitted to BWSR. Funds received for the grant period - \$28,553.

**Grant Periods**

Service Grants: 10/24/11 - 6/30/13  
Farm Bill: 9/27/11 - 12/31/13

**Joint Powers Agreement**

Walk-in-Access: 2/12 - 6/30/13



**Overall Project Description and Outputs**

**Conservation Delivery** is given to the SWCD for the general administration and operation of the district. These administrative and operational costs include paying for the costs of: employees salary and expenses, office space, insurance, postage, fees/dues, and supervisors' compensation and expenses. All funds were spent 12/31/11.

**Easement Delivery** is given to the SWCD to help market the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM), the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Wetland Reserve Program/Reinvest in Minnesota (WRP/RIM) programs; attend training sessions; conduct screening committee meetings; process easements; perform on-site investigations and surveys, monitor easements, conduct spot-checks, perform courthouse searches, and finalize easements. Funds were not received until after site inspections were completed. All funds were spent 12-31-2012.

**Farm Bill Assistant Grant** is given to the SWCD to hire staff to increase landowner participation in the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill which increase the amount of native grasses and wetland on the landscape to enhance water quality, reduce soil erosion, and increase fish & wildlife habitat. From Sept. to Dec. 31, 2011 the Farm Bill Technician made 79 contacts with 47 contracts for a total of 681.4 acres being signed by landowners enrolling acres into programs shown below. From Jan. to June 30, 2012 the FBT made 472 contacts with 36 contracts for a total of 992.9 acres being signed by landowners enrolling acres into programs shown below. All funds were spent 7-31-2012.

2011		2012	
#Contracts	Practice	Acres	#Contracts Practice Acres
16	Filter Strips	101.7	9 Filter Strips 74.9
1	Riparian Buffers	24.1	0 Riparian Buffers 0
12	Wetlands	224.4	19 Wetlands 593.9
15	General	290.2	0 General 0
1	Mgmt. Activities	32.0	5 Mgmt. Activities 320.0
1	CP38	8.0	0 CP38 0
1	Windbreaks	1.0	3 Windbreaks 4.1

**Walk-in-Access Joint Powers Agreement** is given to the SWCD to pay for staff to notify all RIM, CRP, CREP, WRP and CRP landowners about the MN Walk in Access Program. One on one contacts were made with those interested in the program. News articles were written promoting the program. Funding includes: Lincoln-\$7,200; Lyon-\$5,250. The joint powers agreement was not signed until February, 2012. 2012 Lincoln County WIA contracts-13; with 1,405.41 acres. Lyon County WIA contracts-2; with 189 acres. All funds were spent 12-31-2012.

**Service Grant Expenditures (by Category)**

**Technical/Administrative Assistance Funds**

<b>Conservation Delivery</b>	<b>\$19,896</b>
<b>Easement Delivery</b>	<b>\$5,585</b>
<b>Farm Bill Assistant</b>	<b>\$28,553</b>
<b>Farm Bill Assistant Leverage Funding: BR Pheasants Forever-2-12-2012</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Walk in Access</b>	<b>\$12,450</b>

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