

MINNESOTA CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP

IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES AND EFFECTIVENESS  
MONITORING IN THE MIDDLE MINNESOTA WATERSHED PROJECT CONTINUATION

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) provides funding for Best Management Practices (BMPs) described in the approved Project Work Plan for the Implementation of Conservation Practices and Effectiveness Monitoring in the Middle Minnesota Watershed Continuation Clean Water Partnership Project.

In 2015, the MPCA made funds available in the amount of \$950,000.00 to counties located in the Middle Minnesota watershed. Of the funds available to counties in the Middle Minnesota watershed, Redwood County is able to receive up to \$200,000.00 in the form of a loan from the MPCA. Redwood County will use the available funding to provide low interest loans to eligible citizens located in the Middle Minnesota watershed to upgrade failing or non-compliant septic systems.

At the time of application, the Applicant is required to pay an administrative fee in the amount of \$110.00 and a discounted septic permit fee in the amount of \$115.00. The administrative fee is used to fund the cost of reviewing and processing the application, verifying up-to-date taxes, verifying accurate ownership, and researching to determine whether any other property liens or assessments against the specified parcel exist. The septic permit fee is used to fund the review of the septic system design, conduct a pre-site inspection, conduct a final inspection, and to process and prepare the certificate of compliance.

The output is upgraded Individual Septic Treatment Systems (ISTSs) throughout Redwood County which were previously failing or non-compliant. The outcome is achieving Best Management Practices (BMPs), achieving effective conservation practices, and preventing pollution in the Middle Minnesota watershed.

2015-2018 Middle Minnesota Watershed low interest loan funds

Total Available Funds:	\$	200,000.00
Less 2015 Loans:	\$	29,562.10
Balance (Unused Funds):	\$	170,437.90