

Programs provided by the Norman County SWCD

Cost Share Program-a state program where landowners can receive up to 75% cost share on approved practices such as Field Windbreaks, Filter Strips, Sed Basins, Livestock Waste Management and Streambank Protection Projects.

Tree Sales, Planting & Matting- we offer tree sales, planting and matting (fabric for trees) to any landowners or operators in Norman County. We can reduce the cost of these programs through the cost share program.

Local Water Management - a state program for promoting and protecting surface and ground water quality.

Wetland Conservation Act- to fulfill the state requirements for protecting wetlands.

Feedlot Program- we are delegated by the Pollution Control Agency to issue permits, register feedlots and do on-site inspections.

State Revolving Loan Fund- 3% low interest loans can be applied for; Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS), conservation tillage equipment, animal waste systems and erosion control structures.

Well Monitoring Program- we measure ground water on 3 wells every month and 4 wells twice a year. This program is funded from the DNR.

Rainfall Monitoring- 9 volunteers from around the county record daily precipitation. Call our office if you would like to volunteer.

AIS Program- Our office is in charge of the Aquatics Invasive Species for Norman County. We educate folks on the prevention of AIS.

Buffer Program - Our office is in charge of providing technical assistance to landowners for complying with the buffer law.

Mn Ag Water Quality Certification Program - This voluntary program certifies farmers for managing the land within their operation in a way that protects water quality and in turn they obtain regulatory certainty for a period of 10 years.

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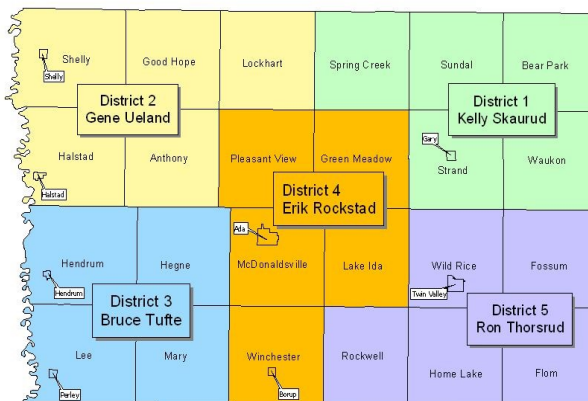
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Norman County SWCD Mission Statement

A local organization promoting conservation through cooperation of Norman County's natural resources.

Erosion Control & Water Management Program

This program was established to assist landowners and government entities with erosion control & water management measures. The program provides financial assistance up to 75% to landowners for the installation of soil and water conservation practices. The practices are designed for an effective life of no less than ten years.

State approved practices include:

- ◆ Critical Area Stabilization
- ◆ Diversions
- ◆ Field Windbreaks
- ◆ Grass Waterways
- ◆ Livestock Waste Management
- ◆ Filter Strips
- ◆ Sediment Basins
- ◆ Streambank & Shoreland Protection
- ◆ Well Sealing



Services provided by the Norman County SWCD

- ★ Tree Seedling Sales
- ★ Farmstead & Field Windbreak Plantings
- ★ Fabric Installation
- ★ Tilling
- ★ Mowing
- ★ Nutrient Management
- ★ Aerial Photographs (historic & current)
- ★ Cost Share Assistance
- ★ Engineering Assistance
- ★ GIS Mapping
- ★ Technical Service Provider
(Conservation Planning)
- ★ Workshops and Presentations
- ★ Student presentations on natural resources
- ★ Trees for kindergarteners

Conservation Education

Education and public awareness are a priority for the SWCD. The District provides the leadership to increase awareness and appreciation for Norman County's natural resources.

In the Classroom

The SWCD provides classroom presentations to students ranging from kindergarten through high school. Presentation topics include soils, trees, water quality, wetlands and a variety of other conservation topics. Tree seedlings are given to all kindergarteners in the county.

Outdoor Education

The Envirothon is a national competition that is held every year for students in 9th-12th grade, teaching them on various topics such as forestry, soils, wildlife, etc. A water festival is put on each year for all 4th graders in the county.

Adult Education

A display booth is set up at Crops Day and the Norman County Fair. Presentations on conservation topics are given at local functions when requested.

