

STATE COST-SHARE PROGRAM

The District received \$5,632.00 in State Cost-Share Program funds in 2014.

PRIORITY ONE: HIGH PRIORITY WATER EROSION AND WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS

Due to the flat terrain and deeply entrenched legal drains in this county, gully erosion and sedimentation within the legal systems are serious problems. Over \$1,000,000.00 is needed to correct some of the high priority water erosion and water quality problems.

1. FY 2011 funds (\$5,453.00) were spent on replacing a 9 foot trash rack that was destroyed on an old Cost-Share Project (1976) in the amount of \$5,250.00. FY 2011 remaining cost-share funds at the end of the year was \$0.00. Red Lake County also provided funds for this project.
2. FY 2012 funds (\$7,321.00) were spent on installing a Grade Stabilization Structure in the amount of \$26,701.11. \$12,704.83 was used from a 2011 Clean Water Fund Clean Water Assistance Grant. The Red Lake Watershed District provided \$6,675.28 to meet the local match requirement. Cost-Share was provided at a rate of 75%.
3. FY 2013 funds (\$7,321.00) and FY 2014 funds (\$5,632.00) will be used to assist landowners with any erosion problems; cost-share is available at a rate of 75%.

Since the beginning of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Program and the Wetland Conservation Act, the Red Lake County SWCD has been able to give water quality a high priority.

PRIORITY TWO: HIGH PRIORITY WIND EROSION PROBLEMS

Minimum tillage and other resource conservation practices in Red Lake County have increased over the past few years. NRCS coordinates the EQIP Program to assist with wind erosion issues.

STATE COST-SHARE PROGRAM – DISTRICT POLICY

1. Red Lake County SWCD will be requesting engineering assistance from Jim Hest, Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Engineer or a Certified Licensed Professional Engineer.
2. Red Lake County SWCD will set the cost-share rate at 75% (equal to the State Board), unless otherwise determined (smaller percentage amount) by the SWCD Board of Supervisors through a board motion.
3. Red Lake County SWCD Board, along with Jim Hest, RRV CSA Engineer, will determine if the flat rates for in-kind services and materials provided by the landowner and/or land occupier are suitable for the work being completed.
4. Practice(s) must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications of the USDA-NRCS Field Technical Guide or as designed by Jim Hest, Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Engineer or the Certified Licensed Professional Engineer.
5. The entire county is a high priority for Red Lake County SWCD when prioritizing projects for State Cost-Share Program.
6. The Red Lake County SWCD Board will sign contracts and supporting program documents. The District Manager has authority to sign all of the Grant Agreements.