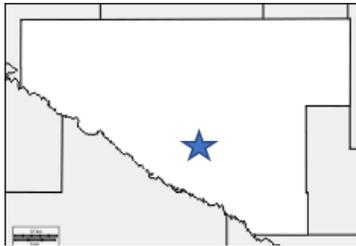


MN CREP Site- Renville County



In 2019, three landowners applied to jointly enroll 410 acres into MN Conservation Reserve Enhancement

Program (MN CREP). The site was predominately used for agriculture and included approximately 159 acres of drained and altered wetlands. The wetlands were drained by subsurface drain tile and County Ditch 117. Beaver Creek, an impaired water, traverses the site as it flows towards the MN River 6 miles to the south.

The joint application was approved and BWSR and SWCD staff designed and prepared plans for wetland and upland restoration work. In spring of 2020 the site was planted with a comprehensive mix of native grasses and forbs. Wetland restoration and construction was completed in summer 2021.

Site Details At A Glance

- 159 acres of wetlands targeted for restoration
- Over 3 miles of drain tile disabled
- 3 earthen embankments constructed
- Water flow controlled by culverts and vegetated spillways
- Largest restored wetland is 40 acres in size and can provide 32 acre-ft of water storage

Benefits

- Controlling runoff
- Increasing water storage
- Improved water quality
- Reduced downstream flooding
- Climate resiliency



MN CREP Overview



MN CREP creates and enhances grassland and wetland habitats, working with landowners to target environmentally sensitive land. Private ownership continues in this federal-state partnership. Landowners simultaneously enroll

in two voluntary conservation programs: the federally-funded Conservation Reserve Program, and the state-funded, BWSR-administered Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program. The RIM Reserve program secures a permanent conservation easement on the property.

- Prioritizes three conservation practices
 - Buffers,
 - Wetlands,
 - Wellheads for drinking water
- Voluntary approach using the RIM Reserve easement program and the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

MN CREP Funding

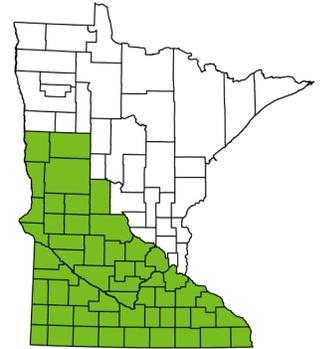
MN CREP is \$9.9 million away from meeting the state contribution of \$175 million, which makes \$350 million in federal matching funds available for direct payments to landowners.

MN CREP secured state contribution to date (in millions)

State funding for MN CREP (,000s)	Appropriated in past sessions
Env. and Natural Resources Trust Fund (LCCMR)	*\$19,500
Clean Water Fund	\$68,850
Outdoor Heritage Fund	\$55,790
Capital Investment	**\$21,000
Total	\$165,140

*Includes \$6 million for outreach and implementation that was not available for easement payments
 **This appropriation includes up to \$1 million for working lands easements

MN CREP Status



54-county MN CREP area in green

ACRES ENROLLED:

35,000 to date

APPLICATIONS

SUBMITTED: 829 applications submitted to date totaling nearly \$325 million in requests.

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