MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT



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Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District (MFCRWD)



WHAT IS A WATERSHED DISTRICT? A watershed district is a special-purpose unit of local government that works with the community and organizations through federal and state grant money to restore, protect and preserve wetlands, streams, rivers and lakes within the watershed boundaries. Minnesota is the land of 11,842

lakes to be exact; water is very important to our way of life. Minnesotans rely on healthy lakes, rivers, and ground water for clean drinking water, fishing, swimming, hunting, kayaking, canoeing, and water sports;

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Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network:

The purpose of this monitoring project is to maintain water quality data collection and develop a better understanding of land use impacts on rivers. This project will collect water samples at

seven locations in the Crow River watershed.

Completion date: December 31, 2022.

Total grant: \$22,980

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Monitoring



Lakes and streams around Minnesota have different physical and chemical properties based on where they are located. Water quality reflects the variety of geographic and environmental conditions in the state. This diversity makes it difficult to explain what constitutes "good" water quality for an individual body of water in Minnesota. To make it

easier, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency offers a guide to typical water quality conditions in these seven "ecoregions," large expanses of land containing a geographically distinct of plants, animals, natural com-

munities and environmental conditions.

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With WRAPS reports taking place in 10-year gaps, sharing of up to date land analysis observations and BMP assessment locations for all partners to view can help to eliminate the gap of years between reports. A new online GIS map was created with all impaired waters, all county ditch sections, BMP concepts and points of interest, DNR and

USGS watershed boundary data sets, and access to all Esri layers from the Web. This new map can be updated anytime for instant view-

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With the previous coordination of the Clean up the Crow events being conducted by the Crow the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District did not wanted to lose the momentum of the importance civic engagement event from the CROWs disbanding. The MFCRWD took over the task which resulted in over 85 volun-

teers collecting 365 lbs. of recoded trash during high flooded high-water condi-