

State Cost Share Program

Through the State Cost-Share Program, landowners or occupiers can request financial and technical assistance from the Sibley SWCD to implement state-approved conservation practices. The program, which was originally approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 1977, provides up to 75 percent of the total eligible cost of a practice.

Grant funds are available annually to SWCDs at the beginning of the state fiscal year. In order for SWCDs to receive these grants, they must have a file at BWSR, an approved annual plan of work, an annual report, and a comprehensive plan or a resolution to adopt the Sibley County comprehensive local water management plan. These projects are selected by local SWCDs that identify high priority erosion and water quality problems.

Eligible Projects:

The following conservation practices have been approved by the Sibley SWCD:

- Critical Area Planting
- Grassed Waterway
- Grade Stabilization Structure
- Water and Sediment Control Basin (WASCOB)
- Well Sealing
- Cover Crops
- Filter Strips



Approved construction practices include activities that control nutrient runoff; stabilize critical eroding areas; divert runoff to protect and improve water quality; reduce wind erosion; control gully, rill, or sheet erosion; protect shore land from erosion; control storm water runoff; or protect surface water and ground water quality.