

CRWP Launches Drive for Volunteers



CHIPPEWA RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT **Citizen Connection** Connecting People Through Their River

In an effort to improve observations of water quality on a broad scale, CRWP is holding a series of evening meetings in small towns throughout the Chippewa River Watershed.

Meetings will focus on updating residents on the current condition of the Chippewa River, its tributary streams and lakes.

Local residents will be encouraged to volunteer and take measurements of water quality.

Come to a meeting in your area and find out about your water. Everyone is welcome, refreshments will be provided.

Summer Volunteer Meeting Dates:

Benson Public Library, Tuesday, June 15, 7-8 pm

Kerkhoven Community Center, Thursday, June 17, 7-8 pm

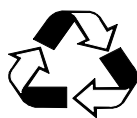
Montevideo Public Library, Wednesday, June 23, 7-8 pm

Starbuck, Nodlands Café, Friday, June 25, 7-8 pm

Swift Falls Park, Sunday, July 18, 11 am—1 pm

Brandon Community Center, Wednesday, July 21, 7-8 pm

Refreshments provided



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Quote of the Day

High quality water is more than the dream of the conservationists, more than a political slogan; high quality water, in the right quantity at the right place at the right time, is essential to health, recreation, and economic growth.

Edmund S. Muskie, U.S. Senator

FUNDS AVAILABLE TO LANDOWNERS FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

The CRWP local work group, with representatives from each of the participating counties, is meeting regularly to discuss implementation projects. The local work group has the decision making authority as to which projects will be funded with 319 Implementation Dollars. Currently, money is available for landowners in the East Branch Chippewa River sub-basin and the Lower Main Stem sub-basin—see the maps below for these areas of the watershed.

Project applications are being sought for buffer strips, shoreline naturalization, livestock fencing and watering systems, alternative tile intakes, nutrient management, and other special projects.

Contact the member of the local work group that serves your county from the following list :

Pope County: Craig Bower, NRCS 320-634-5326, Steve Lawrence, 320-634-5715

Swift County: Rick Gronseth, SWCD 320-843-2456x3

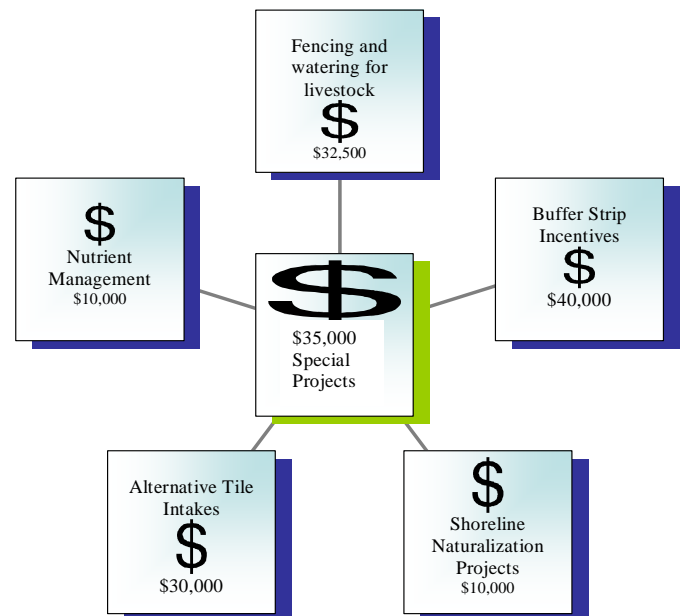
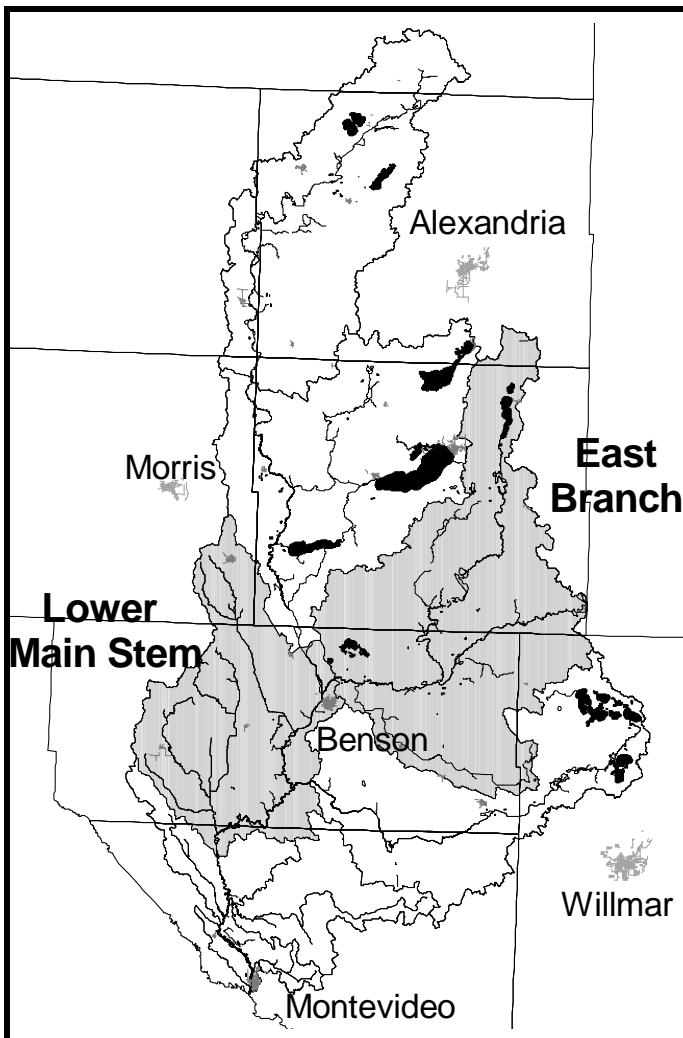
Chippewa County: Jean Diggins, SWCD 320-269-2139 x3

CRWP staff is also available for any educational activities you would like to plan. Please contact the office at 320-269-2139 x 120 to schedule your event.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS COMING!

Watch for news later this summer or early fall as additional funds become available for projects in the Upper Main Stem Chippewa River sub-basin and the Shakopee Creek sub-basin. These areas will include Douglas, Grant, Chippewa, Swift and Kandiyohi Counties.

Check us out on the web at www.chippewariver.com



CELEBRATE THE CHIPPEWA



Duck Races



Fish Painting



Join us on the banks of the
East Branch Chippewa River

When: July 18, 2004
Where: Swift Falls Park
Shelter 4

FREE FOOD
Served 11 am-1:00 pm

Games, Food, Displays

Make plans to attend
Bring a friend!



Project
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Make a Personal Investment in Your Watershed

The newly established Chippewa River Watershed Endowment Fund offers an excellent opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the watershed. Everyone lives in a watershed and everyone, whether of modest or ample means, can contribute to the long-term sustainability of the watershed. You can help the Chippewa River Watershed and receive tax benefits on your charitable contribution.

Create a gift that will have a positive, long-term impact in the Chippewa River Watershed. Help ensure that agriculture, recreation, and economic assets associated with clean water and a healthy landscape are protected. Dollars donated to the endowment fund will be used to aid landowners in implementing best management practices and ensure that the work of the Chippewa River Watershed Project continues.

There are a variety of options available for charitable giving. Call the Southwest Minnesota Foundation for their guidance in establishing your charitable giving program. Be sure to direct your gift to the Chippewa River Watershed Project.

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Donation Contact Information:

Southwest Minnesota Foundation 1-800-594-9480

PO Box 428

Hutchinson, MN 55350

You can access the **SWMF** through their website www.swmnfoundation.org

Be sure to direct your gift to the Chippewa River Watershed Endowment Fund.

Thank you for your support!

NEED HELP UPGRADING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM?

We have GOOD NEWS!

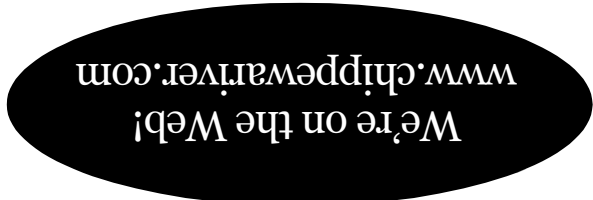
The Chippewa River Watershed Project has been awarded low-interest loan dollars to help landowners upgrade their individual septic treatment systems. This program creates an opportunity for landowners to take part in improving water quality in the Chippewa River Watershed. Call your Local County contact listed below to take advantage of this exciting program.

Highlights of the LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

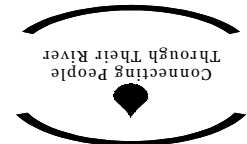
- 3% interest rate to landowners (4% Douglas Co)
- Septic System upgrades only
- Landowner completes one page application from County
- Special assessment on property taxes through County Auditors office
- 5 or 10 year payback option on assessments
- Interest begins accruing after 30 days
- Septic system must be in the Chippewa River Watershed
- Landowner must be current on taxes
- Loan amount cannot exceed value of property

LOW INTEREST LOAN FUNDS TO BE AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY JUNE 2004

Watershed County	Funds Available	Local Contact
Douglas County	\$175,000	Contact Person Pending
Chippewa County	\$65,000	JoAnn Blomme—320-269-2651
Swift County	\$65,000	Scott Collins—320-843-2356
Pope County	\$70,000	Steve Lawrence—320-634-5715
Kandiyohi County	\$99,000	Eric Van Dyken 320-231-6229
Grant County	\$25,000	Greg Lillemon—218-685-4967



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