



Rolling fog over the Minnesota River. Source: [Fox9 Twin Cities](#)

Minnesota River Weekly Update

June 10, 2014

Minnesota River Congress June 19 at Turner Hall, New Ulm

Plans are moving ahead for the first Minnesota River Congress, Thursday, June 19 at Turner Hall in New Ulm. Organizers believe there is a need for a watershed wide, non-governmental, non-regulatory organization to provide vision, leadership, coordination, and advocacy to improve the land water connection in the Minnesota River Valley. Working to sustain and improve its natural resources, promising a better future for food protection, recreation, and economic development. The schedule begins with afternoon events, followed by dinner, and discussion in the evening. The public is welcome and invited to attend. Organizations with any connection to the Minnesota River Valley are being invited to participate in the 'networking fair' from 3 to 5 p.m. This will be an opportunity for the scores of public and private groups to share information about the great work they are doing in the valley.

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Co-sponsors currently include: MRWA, CCMR, FMV, MAWRC, MSU WRC, MnDNR, Minnesota Earth, CURE, and Wild River Academy.

Pre-register for the Congress by contacting the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, PO Box 488, New Ulm, MN 56073. The cost is \$15 per person. Admission is free for young adults under 19 or with a college ID.

Admission at the door is \$20. Networking fair space rental is \$30. You can register for admission and/or the networking fair by mail at the above address, or [register online](#) at Minnesota River Watershed Alliance. For more information contact [Scott Sparlin](#) (507) 276-2280.

Agricultural Drainage and the Future of Water Quality Workshop on June 26

On June 26, 2014 from 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. the I&S Group, Blue Earth County, MDA, MnDNR and the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Fund are sponsoring a full-day seminar featuring agricultural drainage experts who will speak on critical topics include multi-purpose drainage, drainage law and best practices-what is currently being implemented on our landscape and how these practices are working. The workshop will include panel discussions, speakers and breakout sessions until 2:30, followed by an optional tour of the Blue Earth County Ditch 57 in Mapleton.

For additional details and to register, contact [Kelli Renstrom](#) at (507) 387-664 or [click here](#).

Parkers Farm Acquisition, LLC issues voluntary recall of products due to Listeria contamination

The MDA is alerting consumers to avoid eating certain cheese and salsa produced by Parkers Farm Acquisition, LLC of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria. There have been no reports of illness associated with consumption of the products. Parkers Farm Acquisition, LLC is cooperating with the MDA investigation and has issued a voluntary recall of all products with the sell by dates. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to return it to the place of purchase or discard it. The products are distributed locally under the Parkers Farm label. These products were sold at several retail stores including but not limited to Cub, Rainbow, County Market, and Kowalski's stores. Consumers with questions can contact the company at (800) 869-6685 or the [website](#). Any consumers who believe they may have become ill after eating the products should contact their health care provider.

Minnesota turtles now crossing roads to find a place to nest

The MnDNR is reminding people that turtles crossing roads now are often moving to familiar nesting locations. State threatened Blanding's Turtle found dead on the road in east-central Minnesota. Allowing turtles to cross the roads is vital to the preservation of regional populations. "Many turtles and other species are killed on Minnesota roads each year, especially during the nesting season," said Carol Hall, DNR herpetologist, "In fact, roadway mortality is believed to be a major factor in turtle population declines throughout the United States." The following points should be remembered:

- Simply pulling off the road and turning on hazard lights may alert other drivers to slow down.
- Avoid excessive handling. While wanting to inspect turtles closely is understandable, excessive handling can disrupt normal behavior.
- Allow unassisted road crossings. When turtles can safely cross roads unaided due to a lack of oncoming traffic, allow them to do so. Rapid movements may cause turtles to change direction, stop or seek shelter within their shells
- Handle turtles gently. If necessary to pick them up, all turtles except Snappers and softshells ("leatherbacks") should be grasped gently along the shell edge near the midpoint of the body.
- Maintain direction of travel. Always move turtles in the same direction they were traveling in when encountered. Turtles should always be moved across roadways in as direct a line as possible.
- Transportation and parks departments can help turtles by not mowing ditches during peak nesting season (typically late May to early July in Minnesota), as many turtles like to nest on the elevated roadway shoulders. If moving is absolutely necessary, an 8-in deck-height is recommended.

For more information go online to the [MnDNR's website](#).

ARTICLES

[At an old Minnesota oil spill site, scientists discover oil-eating microbes](#)(with audio)

Dan Gunderson, June 4, MPR News

Today, the site is one of the most-studied crude oil spills in the world, and after three decades of research, it still produces important findings.

[Look, up in the sky! It's a...health threat](#)

Conrad deFiebre, June 5, Minn2020

When we think about air pollution -- which isn't often around here, where smog you can see is rare -- we tend to focus on tailpipes and smokestacks. New research suggests we should be looking up higher, to the jets buzzing in and out of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, the 11th

	busiest in North America.
<p><u>No problems foreseen in Shakopee's water supply</u> <i>Cristeta Boarini, June 6, Shakopee Valley News</i> While other cities in the Twin Cities metro have seen their water sources begin to dry up in recent years, Shakopee can expect long-term water supply sustainability, according to the Shakopee Public Utilities.</p>	<p><u>Austin resident promoting solar roads on campaign trail</u> <i>June 7, Austin Daily Herald</i> An Austin native is on the campaign trail to promoting plan he says will rebuild Minnesota's road infrastructure without debt.</p>
<p><u>Landowners could get \$7k per acre under conservation program</u> <i>June 8, Austin Daily Herald</i> Mower County landowners could be eligible for more than \$7,000 per eligible acre under a new initiative for the Reinvest In Minnesota program focused on improving water quality and wildlife habitat.</p>	<p><u>Latinos are learning to farm Minnesota-style</u> <i>Tom Meersman, June 8, Star Tribune</i> Its five members are part of a pilot program that's preparing Latinos to learn the American way of farming, and perhaps position themselves to take over for retiring farmers whose families want out.</p>
<p><u>James Cameron-backed school to terminate meat and dairy</u>(with audio) <i>Eliza Barclay, June 8, MPRNews</i> As we've been <u>reporting</u>, the quest to get more fruits, vegetables and whole grains into public schools has once again gotten political. But in spite of the <u>new, federal standards</u> for school nutrition, "changing a school lunch cafeteria, especially those that participate in the National School Lunch Program, it is like turning around the Titanic," says <u>Susan Levin</u>, director of nutrition for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Education.</p>	<p><u>Farm Bill 2014: What they got right and wrong</u> <i>Adam Bauer & Claire Hofius, June 9, MN2020</i> Minnesota is a big agricultural player, with <u>50% of the state's land</u> used for farming. The food and agriculture industry is the state's 2nd largest employer, with rural communities heavily dependent on farm income. When it comes to the population as a whole, a number of folks who live nowhere near a farm also benefit from the Farm Bill, with <u>80% of its funding</u> allocated to nutritional programs like SNAP and WIC.</p>
<p><u>Company had rash of environmental problems in 2013</u> <i>Tom Cherveney, June 9, AgWeek</i> Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative faced more environmental challenges in the past year than in the two previous, despite ongoing investments to improve its water treatment systems.</p>	<p><u>Hwy. 169 flood mitigation project – Le Sueur to St. Peter</u> <i>June 9, southernminn.com</i> Hwy. 169 motorists between Le Sueur and St. Peter can expect backups during a Minnesota Department of Transportation road construction project to raise southbound lanes of the highway out of the flood plain and resurface the roadway. Work began in late May and is expected to run into fall 2014.</p>

EVENTS

June 9 - June 15

Geocaching 101

Friday, June 13, 2014 @ 4 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely State Park

Brief Description: Join the naturalist for this high tech treasure hunt and learn the basics of this new worldwide recreational sport. GPS units are provided. There will be a chance to test out your GPS skills on a critter activity before going out to

find the park geocache. Limit of 20 people (must be 8 years of age and children must be accompanied by adult). Please sign up at the park office (prior reservation required). Meet at the upper picnic area next to the historic fort site.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

River Otter Ecology

Friday, June 13, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely State Park

Brief Description: This social mammal is known for its child-like personality and often appears to spend time playing. After a significant decline due to hunting, trapping, and loss of habitat, the otter population is beginning to make a comeback in the Minnesota River Basin. We will learn about some of the special characteristics of a river otter and what this animal tells us about the quality of our rivers, lakes and wetlands. One lucky person will get the chance to dress like an otter! Meet at the Creek Picnic Area.

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LSP Farm Beginnings 2014 Field Days & Tours

Saturday, June 14 - September 14, 2014

Location: Various

Brief Description: The Land Stewardship Project's Farm Beginnings Program offers on-farm field days throughout the spring, summer, fall and winter. These events cover a specific topic on a farm. Members of the public interested in farming (limited to 20 people) may attend for a fee. Farm Beginnings participants and LSP members can participate in field days at no charge. If you are interested in attending a field day, contact LSP's [Dori Ederat](#) or 612-578-4497.

- Saturday, June 14: **Urban Agriculture**, Growing Lots Farm, Minneapolis Minn., 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 21: **All About Sheep**, The Lamb Shoppe, Hutchinson Minn., 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 22: **Innovative Multi-Species Livestock Production**, Hidden Stream Farm, Elgin, Minn. Afternoon: Time TBA
- Wednesday, July 16: **Fruit Production**, Sam Kedem Nursery & Garden, Hastings, Minn., 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Sunday, July 27: **Vegetable Production**, Sweet Beet Farm, Watertown, Minn. Time TBA
- Saturday, August 16: **Beef Grazing**, Compton Farm, Dassel, Minn., 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday, August 24: **On-Farm Education Events**, Deep Roots Community Farm, La Crosse, Wis.
- Sunday, September 14: **Vegetable Production Start-up**, Living Land Farm, Saint Peter, Minn., 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Watowan River Paddle

Saturday, June 14, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Go for an easy and fun paddle of 5.5 miles on the Watonwan River in southern Minnesota. Here the Watonwan River flows through a floodplain dominated by a forest of trees including oaks, maples and cottonwoods. On the stretch from County Road 32 to County Road 20 the current is swift but no riffles or rapids to worry about. We will lead the paddle and provide all the equipment (canoes, life jackets and paddles) along with transportation back to the put-in point. Please sign up at the park office (prior reservation required). Meet at the County Road 32 Access Point.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, June 14, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge, 44843 County Rd 19, Odessa, MN 56276

Brief Description: Father's Day at Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge (BSNWR). Established in 1975, BNSWR consists of 11,586 acres of tallgrass prairie, wetlands, granite outcrops, and river woodlands. Eleven miles of the Minnesota River flow through the refuge. Come and paddle with us from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your own vessel or use one of ours. Reservations are required and fees may apply. There will also be a geological hike later in the day from 6-8 p.m. Make a weekend of it and reserve a campsite or cabin at any one of the several places located along the river valley. For reservation at Big Stone Lake State Park [click here](#) or call (320) 839-3663. For reservations at Lac qui Parle State Park, [click here](#) or call 1(866) 857-2757.

For more information contact [Peg 1](#)(877) 269-2873 at CURE.

Green Line Opening Celebration Day

Saturday, June 14, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Along the [Green Line](#)

Brief Description: Come out this weekend to enjoy sunshine and celebrate Twin Cities progress in public transportation! There will be speakers and fun activities at each stop along the Green Line. [See here](#) for more information.

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Owls of Minnesota

Saturday, June 14, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Owls are fascinating birds. What other bird can rotate its head almost 270 degrees or have the ability to be practically silent? Did you know that the right ear of the Bared Owls (photo) is higher than the left? Owls come in all different shapes and sizes. We will talk about the 12 owls that are found here in Minnesota including the Great Horned Owl, Bared Owl, and Eastern Screech-Owl and some of their unique characteristics. There will also be a chance to see what an owl might eat by pulling apart an owl pellet. Meet at the Group Campground on the campground side.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

June 16 - June 22

Policy Forum: Pivoting from Waste Resources

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 @ 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Hamlin University Anderson Center, St. Paul

Brief Description: The sub theme for this forum is capturing more value from our discarded materials. It will examine the systematic challenges and opportunities of our materials management system, and specific and concrete steps that we can take-and are taking-in Minnesota to rethink our waste with a focus on efficiency, economic opportunity, and value creation.

For more information and to register check of [Environmental Initiative's website](#).

Minnesota River Congress

Thursday, June 19, 2014 @ 1-9 p.m.

Location: Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm, MN

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Minnesota River Valley Congress schedule:

- 1-3 p.m. -- Tour of the Minnesota River History Center, Riverside Park
- 3-5 p.m. Networking Fair-displays by organizations, Turner Hall
- 5 p.m. -- Social hour and music
- 5:30 p.m. -- Buffet dinner
- 6:15 p.m. -- Presentation by Natalie Warren and Wild River Academy students
- 6:45 p.m. -- Overview-purpose of congress
- 7 p.m. Small and large group discussion
- 9 p.m. adjourn

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Nature Cart

Friday, June 20, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: The Naturalist will be at the Falls Area for a couple hours to answer questions about some of the natural and historical characteristics at Minneopa State Park. Visitors will have a chance to learn about what is living in the Minnesota River and Minneopa Creek including mussels, fish, and macroinvertebrates. Are you looking for information on the height of the waterfalls or who built the granite rock buildings in the park? All of these answers and more help understand why Minneopa is such a unique area.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Friday, June 20, 2014 @ 12:30 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Get in touch with nature by going for a scavenger hunt among the trees and prairie plants of Minneopa State Park. The fun part of this program is to search for natural items like leaves, flowers, plant products (i.e. fruits, berries, nuts or seeds), animal tracks and other signs of the environmental world around us. We will also see what type of smells and sounds that can be identified. Please meet at the waterfalls side of Minneopa State Park.

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E. St Julien Cox House Tours

Saturday, June 21, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: E. St. Julien Cox House, 500 North Washington Ave, St. Peter, MN

Brief Description: The E. St. Julien Cox House will be open the first and third Saturday during the months of June, July and August; with a tour at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults, \$1 children (6-17), and free for age 5 and under and members of the Nicollet County Historical Society. The E. St. Julien Cox House was home of one of the earliest settlers of St. Peter. Eugene Cox was an attorney, St. Peter's First Mayor, and a representative to the State House and Senate. The home, built in 1871, is one of the few fully restored Italianate homes in

Minnesota. When you visit the Cox House, you will tour the home and chat with costumed history players who are portraying members of the Cox family. Tour dates are also July 5, 19, and August 2, 16.

For more information contact [Alyssa Auten](#) (507) 934-2160.

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Carver Creek Bluegrass

Sunday, June 22, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: Carver Creek Bluegrass (formerly known as Monson Family Bluegrass) a family band of five siblings, is known for delightful performances of bluegrass, old time, gospel and Irish music, using a variety of instruments, the typical banjo, guitar, bass, and fiddle and some unusual ones like the bodran and musical saw. The Harkin Store is glad to have the family back again. They will play from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22. Come enjoy the afternoon, bring a lawn chair or enjoy the porch. The family will have their CD's for sale.

For more information of large group tour scheduling contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or Nicollet County Historical Society (507) 934-2160.

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June 23 - June 29

Using Perennial Plantings to Improve Water Quality Workshop

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 @ 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 920 E. 10th St., Fairmont, MN 56031

Brief Description: The day-long workshop will include presentations by local professionals, University of Minnesota Extension Faculty, and University of Minnesota Researchers. The workshops are designed to help farmers and landowners, including natural resource professionals, implement perennial plantings that would improve water quality and achieve other ecosystem services. This workshop will also be held in Glenwood, July 16, 2014. Topics will include:

- Agroforestry options for your farming operations
- Ways to restore wetlands on your farm to improve water quality
- Channel restoration decision support tool
- Using Cover Crops to improve water quality, soil health, and productivity of future crops
- Herbaceous and woody perennials
- Decision support tools to restore impaired waters
- Controlling and managing Native and Invasive Species in my farm
- Grazing your woods: Problems and Solutions (Glenwood workshop only)

For more information and to register check out the workshop's [event page](#).

Business Environment Session: Measuring Sustainability

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 @ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Best Buy, Richfield, MN

Brief Description: Measuring sustainability is key to integrating your efforts into the backbone of your organization, reporting and communicating your initiatives, setting goals and strategies, and driving action. At this section we'll discuss sustainability metrics, data, and measuring what matters. Registration and breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

For more information and to register check out the [session's website](#).

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Location: Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN

Brief Description: Attend this full-day seminar featuring agricultural drainage experts who will speak on critical topics include multi-purpose drainage, drainage law and best practices-what is currently being implemented on our landscape and how these practices are working. The workshop will include panel discussions, speakers and breakout sessions until 2:30, followed by an optional tour of the Blue Earth County Ditch 57 in Mapleton.

For additional details and to register, contact Kelli Renstrom at (507) 387-664 or [click here](#).

Afternoon Leisure

Sunday, June 29, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: Sunday afternoons in the 1870's were family time or time to relax, visit friends or maybe do a bit of fancywork. There will be showing of some of their work in tatting, hardanger, knitting, and other types of work. Anyone that does this type of work and would like to show their fancywork art is welcome to come and visit with our visitors. Visitors will be able to tour the store, have a game of checkers, or visit on the porch while also seeing the displays of work. Refreshments will be served.

For more information of large group tour scheduling contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or Nicollet County Historical Society (507) 934-2160.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGRIC UNIT SUPERVISOR

Department	Pesticide & Fertilizer Management, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	June 17, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position will be responsible for the supervision and technical direction of the Clean Water Technical Assistance Unit. The incumbent will be responsible for providing technical assistance to the State's watershed approach to protecting and restoring Minnesota's surface waters and for supervising the selection and coordination of complex research projects on impaired waters in agricultural landscapes.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://www.careers.state.mn.us/ Posting # 14AGR000044.</p>

ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Department	Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
Closing Date	June 20, 2014
Location(s)	Minneapolis, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>Performs a variety of confidential administrative office functions, provides information and assistance, as required to aid the Executive Director in the efficient and effective management of the organization and the Executive Director's time.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply check out the job announcement.</p>

PROGRAM SPECIALIST: OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Department	Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
Closing Date	June 20, 2014
Location(s)	Minneapolis, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>The Program Specialist will implement the MWMO small grant programs, and community outreach and communications for the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. The Program Specialist will engage in and make stewardship opportunities accessible to our active members and underserved populations through targeted grant offerings and communication and learning initiatives that lead the MWMO's watershed community to protect and improve the water and natural resources in the watershed.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply check out the job announcement.</p>

DISTRICT MANAGER

Department	Root River SWCD
Closing Date	June 20, 2014
Location(s)	Caledonia, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>The Root River SWCD District Manager, reporting to the Board of Supervisors, provides strategic oversight of all operations of the agency including fiscal functions, program development and management, delivery of educational programming, and staff development and supervision, in conformance with the SWCD's goals and objectives. The District Manager collaborates with federal and state agencies, county departments, cities and townships, local watershed authorities, non-profit organizations, and residents to address the current and future conservation needs of Houston County. The District Manager prepares the Board agenda and presents the business of the agency to the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply check out the job announcement.</p>

ASSISTANT REGIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGER

Department	Fish & Wildlife, Region 3, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Closing Date	June 20, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position exists to serve and assist the citizens of Minnesota to conserve, manage and use their wildlife, public land and water resources by leading, directing and supervising the wildlife staff and programs in the Central Region (23 County area extending from the North Morrison County line to Iowa along the Mississippi drainage where approximately 70% of the state's 5.3 million residents live). This position will assist the Regional Wildlife Manager with the administration, development, coordination, integration and implementation of Section of Wildlife Programs and policies; directly supervise the 4 Area Wildlife Managers and the Roving Habitat Crew Leader; and serve as Acting Regional Wildlife Manager, as assigned.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://www.careers.state.mn.us/ Posting # 14DNR000404.</p>

HYDROLOGIC DATA MANAGER

Department	Pesticide & Fert Management, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	June 24, 2014
Location(s)	Mankato, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position is responsible for assisting the MDA with hydrologic data management, review and analysis; including collecting, reviewing, analyzing and managing water quality and time-series data for sever projects within the Monitoring and Assessment Unit, Fertilizer Management Unit and the Incident Response Unit. This position will help coordinate surface water and groundwater data review and transfer to statewide water related databases including EQUIS and Hydstra. This position will also help coordinate real-time data transfer from remote data collection platforms to data storage and presentation platforms including real-time web application.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://www.careers.state.mn.us/ Posting # 14AGR000045.</p>

WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT OFFICER

Department	Todd County SWCD
Closing Date	June 26, 2014
Location(s)	Long Prairie, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is seeking a highly motivated professional to serve as Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) officer for Todd County. The position serves as the primary contact for wetlands within the county and coordinates decisions with other agencies and staff. Work activities include; field site visits, determining wetland boundaries for proposed projects, reviewing wetland delineations submitted by landowners for proposed work, and responding to reported violations of wetland rules. Field project activities relate to assisting the feedlot officer and other staff with shoreland and feedlot field projects. Other assistance will be provided to the county feedlot officer with site inspections as they relate to protecting wetlands and public waters. The individual will develop solutions to problems identified and provide information to landowners and the public related to wetlands and proposed projects. Must maintain relations with and work closely with BWSR, Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, Planning and Zoning staff, and County Board of Commissioners, MN DNR, and USDA staff on joint projects and activities. Overall supervision received from SWCD Director.

For more information and how to apply check out the [job announcement](#).

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