



2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)

Fund Report

Sibley COUNTY

Fund Information

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Year</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	2010	\$82,450.00	\$78,490.00	01/31/2011
Starting Balance:		\$78,490.00		
Balance Remaining:		\$0.00		
Other funds used with this fund.				
2010 NRGB Local Cash (Levy)	2010	\$7,807.06	\$2,972.54	02/28/2011
2010 NRGB Shoreland Match Inkind	2010	\$3,076.00	\$5,809.00	12/31/2010
2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	2010	\$19,107.00	\$60,651.65	12/31/2010
2010 WCA County Match	2010	\$15,325.00	\$15,325.00	12/31/2010
	Subtotal:	\$45,315.06	\$84,758.19	
	Total:	\$127,765.06	\$163,248.19	

Initiatives Summary

Amount spent by initiative type.

2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Admin/Coordination	\$38,332.00	\$37,907.86
Education/Information	\$4,200.00	\$4,624.14
FL:Complaint response	\$4,000.00	\$3,014.60
FL:Inspection & Compliance	\$6,000.00	\$3,014.60
FL:Other County Program	\$3,000.00	\$7,536.50
FL:Owner Assistance Goals	\$4,000.00	\$3,014.60
FL:Permitting	\$4,000.00	\$3,014.60
FL:Registration & Inventories	\$9,106.00	\$7,536.50
FL:Staffing Level and Training	\$4,000.00	\$3,014.60
Monitoring/Data Collection	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00
Regulation,Ordinances,Planni	\$3,812.00	\$4,112.00
Total:	\$82,450.00	\$78,490.00

Land & Water Projects Summary

Amount spent on L&W Projects.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Total:		

Initiative: 2010 Administration/Coordination

Year: 2010

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Admin/Coordination

Completion Date:

Description

Coordinate two Water Resources Advisory Committee meetings. Prepare budgets, work plan, annual reports, grant reports and all other business affairs for Local Water Management. Assist with the Administration/Coordination of the Rush River and High Island Creek Watersheds Continuation Projects. Handle application process for Buffalo Creek Watershed Project (Crow River). Work on the Bevens/Silver Creek Watershed TMDL (Sibley County portion). Continue to upgrade Sibley SWCD's website.

Actual Results

Prepared all reports for Local Water Management and Clean water Partnership grants and loans. Continue to assist the coordinator for the High Island Creek and Rush River TMDL Projects. Continue to handle applications for the Middle Minnesota, Bevens/Silver and CROW watersheds. Make changes to the website on a monthly basis. Coordinated three Water Resources Advisory Committee meetings. Moving \$400.00 from the Administration/Coordination budget to the Education/Information budget. Moved \$24.14 from the Administration/Coordination budget to the Education/Information budget. Worked on yearend reports for the Water Plan, Bevens/Silver Creek project, Rush River project and High Island Creek project.

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	10,000.00	9,575.86	1/31/11
2. 2010 NRGB Local Cash (Levy)	3,700.00	403.31	2/28/11
Totals:	13,700.00	9,979.17	

Initiative: 2010 Education/Information

Year: 2010

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Education/Information

Completion Date:

Description

Promote all SSTS low-interest loan programs Sibley County. Promote and publicize practices that reduce impacts of rural and urban runoff (including construction sites) to surface water. Educate people on the relationship between surface water quality and groundwater recharge. Work with Sibley Extension Service, Community Health and other agencies on program coordination. Promote BMPs including the use of low pesticides amounts and environmentally friendly nutrient application practices to urban lawns. Encourage wetland restoration and protection through news releases, newsletter articles, one-on-one contacts, public meetings and educational tools. Educate the public on the importance of recycling, yard waste composting and waste reduction. Provide education opportunities about adverse effects that point and nonpoint source pollution have on water resources. Develop an education plan for Bevens/Silver Creek residents about the low interest SSTS loan program. Continue to educate Middle Minnesota residents about programs that Brown Nicollet Cottonwood Water Quality Board has to offer.

Actual Results

Coninue to promote all SSTS low interest loan programs in Sibley County. Developed an education plan to upgrade noncompliant septic systems in the Bevens/Silver Watershed. Looked at all educational programs about water quality and quantity, grant BMP incentives and loan programs. And made changes, where necessary, to better deliver programs. Received \$400.00 from the Administration/Coordination budget. Received \$24.14 from the Administration/Coordination budget. Continue to offer information to landowners about programs when they visit the office. Created a postcard for residents of Bevens and Silver Creek Watershed outlining the SSTS low interest loan program. Mailed postcards to Middle Minnesota and Buffalo Creek watersheds residents reminding them of the SSTS loan programs that are available. Created and mailed postcards to residents of the High Island Creek and Rush River watersheds that have signed up for BMPS, letting them know the program ends 6/30/2011.

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	4,200.00	4,624.14	1/31/11
2. 2010 NRGB Local Cash (Levy)	1,100.00	979.09	2/28/11
Totals:	5,300.00	5,603.23	

Initiative: 2010 Monitoring/Data Collection

Year: 2010

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Monitoring/Data Collection

Completion Date:

Description

Continue to obtain data on abandoned well sealing records and entering them into Arc View. This includes digitizing all sealed well locations. Continue to digitize all upgraded and new septic systems into Arc View database. Continue working with USGS on CRP water quality monitoring program. Handle all SSTS loan applications in Sibley County.

Actual Results

Continue to record all well sealings and septic systems. Handle all applications for septic system loans. Moved \$300.00 from the Monitoring/Data Collection budget to the Regulation/Ordinances/Planning budget. Continue to record septic systems and well sealings. Continue to take applications for septic system loans.

FUND(s)

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	2,000.00	1,700.00	1/31/11
2. 2010 NRGB Local Cash (Levy)	2,400.00	359.18	2/28/11
Totals:	4,400.00	2,059.18	

Initiative: 2010 Regulations/Ordinances/Planning

Year: 2010

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Regulation,Ordinances,Plan

Completion Date:

Description

Offer technical assistance to correct the problem of private well owners when nitrate and e coli tests are positive. Develop a work plan for the Bevens/Silver Creek Watershed low interest loan program in Sibley County. Continue working with MPCA and MSUM Water Resource Center on the TMDL process on the Rush River and High Island Creek Watersheds. Begin the process to update the Water Plan for Sibley County.

Actual Results

Developed a work plan for the Bevens/Silver Creek Watershed septic loan program. Continue to offer advice to homeowners that have problems with private wells. Used a survey to get ideas and concerns to update the county water plan. Wrote the Priority Concerns Scoping Document as part of the update process to the county water plan. Received \$300.00 from the Monitoring/Data Collection budget. Continue to work on updating the Water Plan for Sibley County.

FUND(s)

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 NRGB Local Cash (Levy)	607.06	1,230.96	2/28/11
2. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	3,812.00	4,112.00	1/31/11
Totals:	4,419.06	5,342.96	

Initiative: 2010 Shoreland Administration & Coordination

Year: 2010
Initiative Type: Admin/Coordination

Start Date: 01/01/2010
Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

Our goal is to administer effectively and provide technical services with the assistance of the DNR. We make sure applicants follow the right procedures for bluff setbacks for structures and under the Shoreland District, we make sure structure setbacks are met from rivers (300 feet out on each side) and lakes (1,000 feet out from classified lakes from the ordinary high water marks). We continue to work with Rush River and High Island Watershed Projects for better water quality.

Actual Results

Inspected 2 feedlots in shoreland. We will continue to be involved with Rush River and High Island watershed and the Lake Titlow and High Island Lake projects. Working together with the DNR, watershed coordinator and lake clean up groups. On-going inquires within the Shoreland district as well as working together with the DNR hydrologists on shoreland issues. Sibley County Board voted to go through drainage ditch rederermination of benefits in 2009 on 5 ditches. This will involve these ditches to handle 1 rod gradd buffer strip on each side of the ditch. Another phase will start late in 2010. Worked on getting a home out of the Flood plain (MN River)
Reports Attached!

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 NRBG Shoreland Match Inkind	3,076.00	5,809.00	12/31/10
2. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	3,076.00	3,076.00	12/31/10
Totals:	6,152.00	8,885.00	

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Document Description

Date Added

1. [2010_dnr_shoreland_activity_report.pdf](#)

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Initiative: 2010 SSTS Administration and Coordination

Year: 2010
Initiative Type: Admin/Coordination

Start Date: 01/01/2010
Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

Our office issues permit applications to applicants and follows up on new systems being certified by our septic inspector. At property transfer, seller and buyer must submit a "Certification as to septic system status". Property transfers/property sales have really increased Sibley County Environmental Services workload for new septic systems since it started January 1, 2004. Follow-up complaints (signed and dated) are investigated and brought into compliance if needed.

Actual Results

We issued 54 septic permits for new and replaced construction. Our county inspector inspected all the systems and when a system is complete a certificate of compliance is issued. The county inspector and county staff were involved in 2 septic complaints. January 1, 2004 point of sale started in Sibley County increasing the amount of non-conforming septic systems getting replaced. The county inspector works closely with contractors and home owners on any questions they may have.

Reports Attached!

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	9,931.00	9,931.00	12/31/10
2. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	0.00	16,506.25	12/31/10
Totals:	9,931.00	26,437.25	

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1. [SSTS Year End Sibley 2010.xls](#)

Document Description

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Initiative: 2010 FL: Staffing Level and Training

Year: 2010
Initiative Type: FL:Staffing Level and

Start Date: 01/01/2010
Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

See County Feedlot Work Plan.

Actual Results

(Ongoing working relationship with PCA) MPCA is always available with any questions we might have. One of our staff members attended two regional CFP meetings at Owatonna, Minnesota and another staff member attended one meeting. (Planning on attending annual conference this year.)

See attached reports: under Other County Program Goals

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	4,000.00	3,014.60	12/31/10
2. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	3,277.00	4,414.54	12/31/10
Totals:	7,277.00	7,429.14	

Initiative: 2010 FL: Owner Assistance Goals

Year: 2010
Initiative Type: FL:Owner Assistance Goals

Start Date: 01/01/2010
Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

See County Feedlot Work Plan.

Actual Results

There were 59 land application manure requirements handed out. Feedlot producers visit with SWCD on cost sharing available. On-site visits are done on request. A response is sent to all operators after the inspection with further details or to thank them for there cooperation.

See attached reports: under Other County Program Goals

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	4,000.00	3,014.60	12/31/10
2. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	830.00	4,414.54	12/31/10
Totals:	4,830.00	7,429.14	

Initiative: 2010 FL: Other County Program Goals

Year: 2010

Start Date: 01/01/2010

Initiative Type: FL:Other County Program

Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

See County Feedlot Work Plan.

Actual Results

Alot more work activity then anticipated. There were 71 sites inspected and registrations were continued with follow-up visits done accordingly. Our program is done every 4 years when we register and update any changes in feedlots. (at least 25% of the feelots are completed each year) Always ongoing inquires from feedlot operators regarding the registration program.

Reports attached!

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	3,000.00	7,536.50	12/31/10
2. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	2,000.00	11,036.35	12/31/10
Totals:	5,000.00	18,572.85	

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1. [2010 Annual CFO Reports.pdf](#)

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Initiative: 2010 FL: Inspection & Compliance Plan

Year: 2010
Initiative Type: FL:Inspection & Compliance

Start Date: 01/01/2010
Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

See County Feedlot Work Plan.

Actual Results

We assisted people inquiring about the permit program. We continue to hand out information to feedlot operators. There are always on going inquires with zoning issues; also, as far as barn constructions and animal unit thresholds requiring conditional use permits and land use permits.

See attached reports: under Other County Program Goals

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	3,000.00	4,414.54	12/31/10
2. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	6,000.00	3,014.60	12/31/10
Totals:	9,000.00	7,429.14	

Initiative: 2010 FL: Complaint Response

Year: 2010
Initiative Type: FL:Complaint response

Start Date: 01/01/2010
Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

See County Feedlot Work Plan.

Actual Results

There wer 60 manure management plans and 12 site assessments done by Tim Dolan Minnesota Extension Service; also, Tim inspected 7 sites with Environmental Services staff.

We will continue to work closely with SWCD and the Minnesota Extension Service on the complaince program. Environmental Services staff also responded to 3 manure discharge complaints.

See attached reports: under Other County Program Goals

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	4,000.00	3,014.60	12/31/10
2. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	2,000.00	4,414.54	12/31/10
Totals:	6,000.00	7,429.14	

Initiative: 2010 FL: Registration and Inventory

Year: 2010

Start Date: 01/01/2010

Initiative Type: FL:Registration &

Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

See County Feedlot Work Plan.

Actual Results

There were 71 total feedlot sites inspected and 8 open lot visits. We had 47 Level 3 Land Manure Application inspections completed with letters sent to the feedlot operators. We also sent 10 letters of warning as well as 1 notice of violation. Tim Dolan from the Minnesota Extension does side visits with us when we request them. At least 25% of feedlots are inspected each year.

See attached reports: under Other County Program Goals

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	9,106.00	7,536.50	12/31/10
2. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	5,000.00	11,036.35	12/31/10
Totals:	14,106.00	18,572.85	

Initiative: 2010 FL: Permitting

Year: 2010

Start Date: 01/01/2010

Initiative Type: FL:Permitting

Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

See County Feedlot Work Plan.

Actual Results

All complaints are kept in a separate file and remain confidential = 3 complaints, and 1 ongoing court case for 2010. Follow-ups are done on all complaints as well as everything being documented.

See attached reports: under Other County Program Goals

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	4,000.00	3,014.60	12/31/10
2. 2010 Sibley County Environmental Services	3,000.00	4,414.54	12/31/10
Totals:	7,000.00	7,429.14	

Initiative: WCA Equipment and Supplies

Year: 2010

Start Date: 01/01/2010

Initiative Type:

Completion Date: 12/31/2010

Description

Equipment and supplies necessary to accomplish the work plan items of the WCA program. Office and field equipment, including computer hardware and software upgrades, internet access, and maintenance of existing equipment. Supplies include general office supplies and postage needs for correspondence and noticing.

Actual Results

Funds were spent for postage, maintenance of copy machine (including toner), equipment upgrades, and general office supplies. These expenditures are budgeted and spent regardless of project workload. In years of heavier workload, or program unallotments (as was the situation in 2003), these expenditures must be made from the District's general funds. Incremental additions of equipment and supplies will provide the tools needed to perform our duties more effectively in the future.

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	0.00	0.00	
2. 2010 WCA County Match	951.00	951.00	12/31/10
Totals:	951.00	951.00	

Initiative: WCA Project Reviews

Year: 2010

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Admin/Coordination

Completion Date:

Description

475 hours of combined staff time, based on \$50 per hour, to review project proposals, no-loss determinations, avoidance situations, field visits, training meetings, wetland bank proposals, Technical Evaluation Panel meetings, noticing, correspondence and bookkeeping.

Actual Results

Project dollars were spent to cover costs of keeping personnel hired to administrate the Wetland Conservation Act in Sibley County. Initiative expenditures are budgeted and spent regardless of project workload. In years of heavier workload, or program unallotments (as was the situation in 2003), these expenditures must be made from the District's general funds. Projects reviewed in 2010 involved primarily the alteration or maintenance of public and private ditch systems which were petitioned to the County Drainage Authority. Engineering firms, which prepare the reports, are notorious in pushing these proposals to the fringe of regulatory requirements. The Drainage Authority is beginning to take a dim view of the practices of some of these firms, especially the exorbitant fees they are charging the petitioners. New firms are beginning to be hired, who are much more forthright with their clients, and knowledgeable of wetland regulation, saving the petitioners time, money, and frustration. The denial of one such "improvement" request has sent the message loud and clear that rules are meant to be followed.

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 WCA County Match	8,423.00	8,423.00	12/31/10
2. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	15,325.00	15,325.00	12/31/10
Totals:	23,748.00	23,748.00	

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Document Description

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1. [Sibley WCA Report.docx](#)

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Initiative: WCA Replacement Plan Development

Year: 2010

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Admin/Coordination

Completion Date:

Description

Develop replacement plans for wetland impacts in violation of the Wetland Conservation Act. Includes field and office resource investigation, legal consultation, and clerical time.

Actual Results

Two replacement plans were submitted in calendar year 2010. These were applications submitted by Sibley County for road realignments needed as a result of improvements to the Minnesota Valley rail line. Wetland banking credits will be purchased, and the project will also include additional voluntary restoration. Cease and Desist orders and Restoration Orders were not required. There were no violations triggering the need. Initiative expenditures are budgeted and spent regardless of project workload. In years of heavier workload, or program unallotments (as was the situation in 2003), these expenditures must be made from the District's general funds.

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 WCA County Match	5,000.00	5,000.00	12/31/10
2. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	0.00	0.00	
Totals:	5,000.00	5,000.00	

Initiative: WCA Transportation

Year: 2010

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Admin/Coordination

Completion Date:

Description

Fuel, vehicle maintenance, vehicle depreciation, insurance, and other costs associated with travel to project sites, meetings, and trainings.

Actual Results

County match funds were spent for operation and maintenance of the District vehicles. Initiative expenditures are budgeted and spent regardless of project workload. In years of heavier workload, or program unallotments (as was the situation in 2003), these expenditures must be made from the District's general funds. The wet fall resulted in numerous trips involving ditch clean-out activities and general reconnaissance.

<u>FUND(s)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
1. 2010 WCA County Match	951.00	951.00	12/31/10
2. 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY)	0.00	0.00	
Totals:	951.00	951.00	

End of 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant - Sibley (COUNTY) Section

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