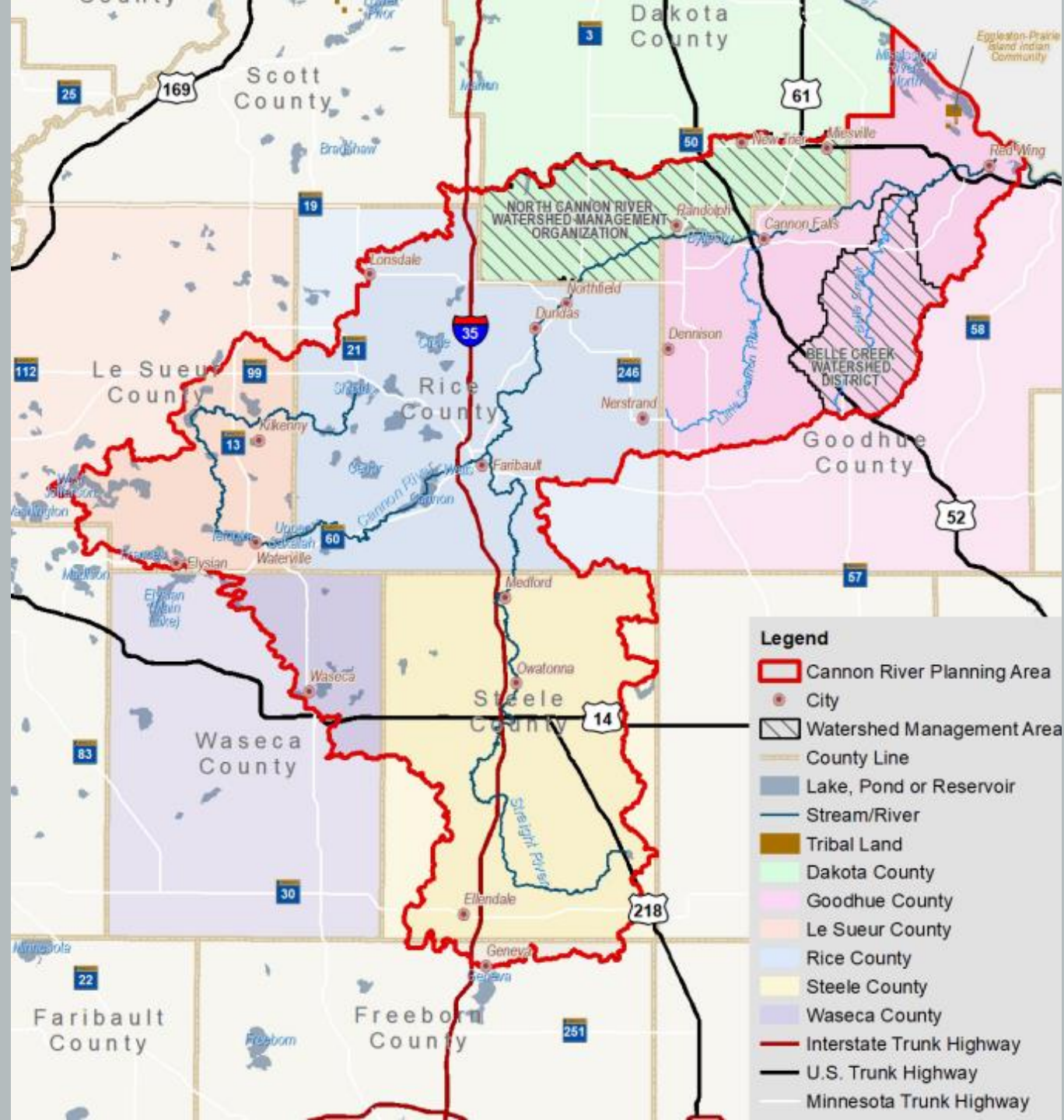


CANNON RIVER WATERSHED JOINT POWERS ORGANIZATION



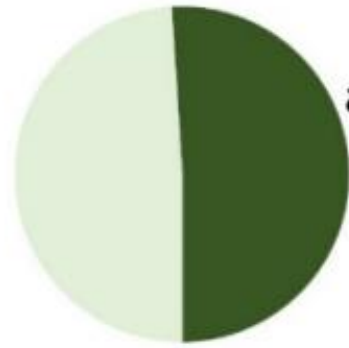
Teresa DeMars, Rice SWCD
Outreach Coordinator





963,717
acres

(1,506 square miles)



51%
agricultural



10%
within
Metro
Area

800

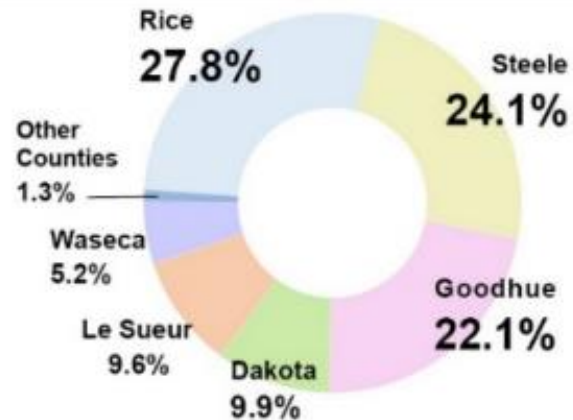
linear miles

= total length of water courses



2 main rivers

Cannon & Straight



Watershed Lobe Landuse Differences

Straight River – *more agricultural land*

Upper Cannon – *more lakes & wetlands*

Middle Cannon – *more urban land use*

Lower Cannon – *more forested land*



Projects in the Watershed

Fixing Erosion





Erosion Control



Grassed waterway



Water & Sediment Control Basin



Cover Crops



Conservation Tillage



Outreach & Education





Lakes & Rivers- Water Quality Improvement

- Shoreline surveys
- Septic Inventories
- Develop Lake Management Plans
- Assist with Monitoring and Testing



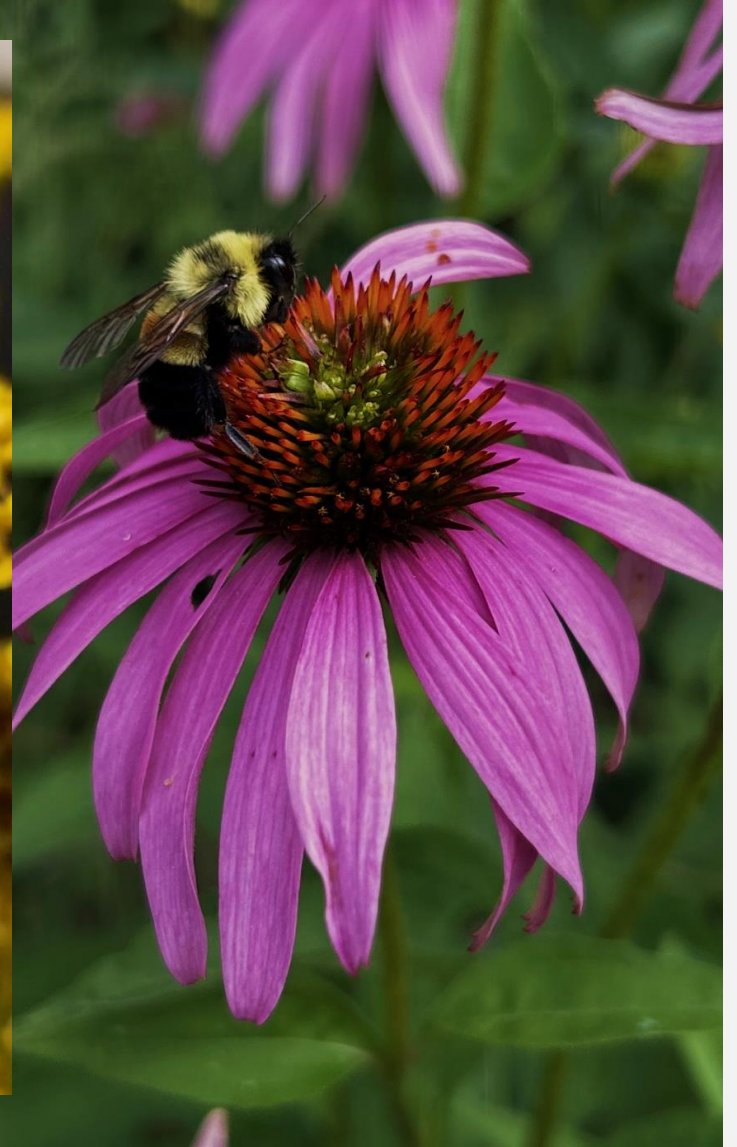


Shoreline Restorations – Helping Pollinators

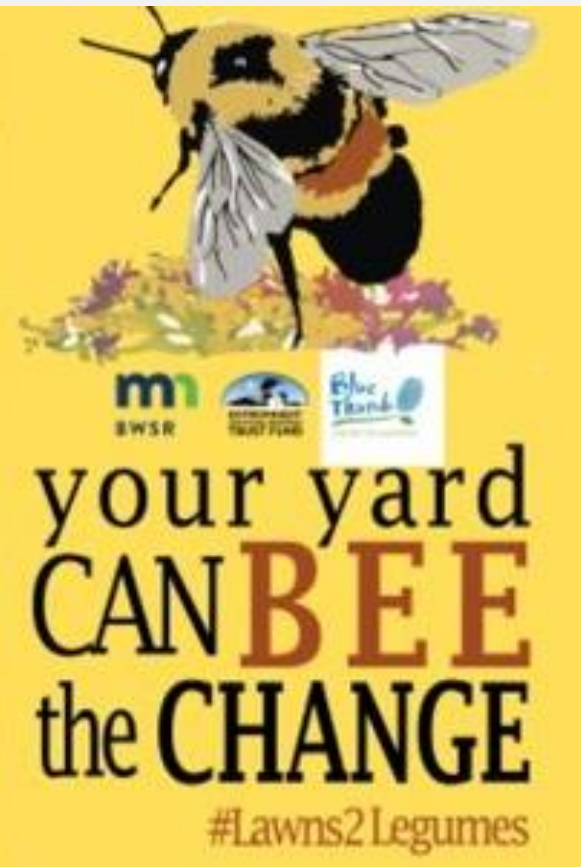




My “Pocket of Prairie”



Lawns to Legumes



Minnesota Board of Soil & Water Resources (BWSR)

- State program
- Up to \$400 cost-share grant
- Requires 25% match from homeowner
- Fall deadline to apply for spring planting in 2026 is November 30th!
- Coaching, online learning, and resources available





Native Shoreland Planting Program



- State funding
- \$500 per parcel for planting a minimum of 150 sq ft of native vegetation.
- Approval is required from the local SWCD prior to planting or seeding.



SWCD Native Plant Programs

- Unique to each SWCD
 - Plant flats, seed, planting materials – varies between Districts
 - Plants arrive in late May/June
 - Contact each SWCD for information
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- Native plant/contractor vendor list
 - Verify seed/plant source and if plants are neonicotinoid free
 - Farmers Markets • Wild Ones Chapters • GROWS • Master Gardeners – beware of Jumping Worms



Coming Soon!

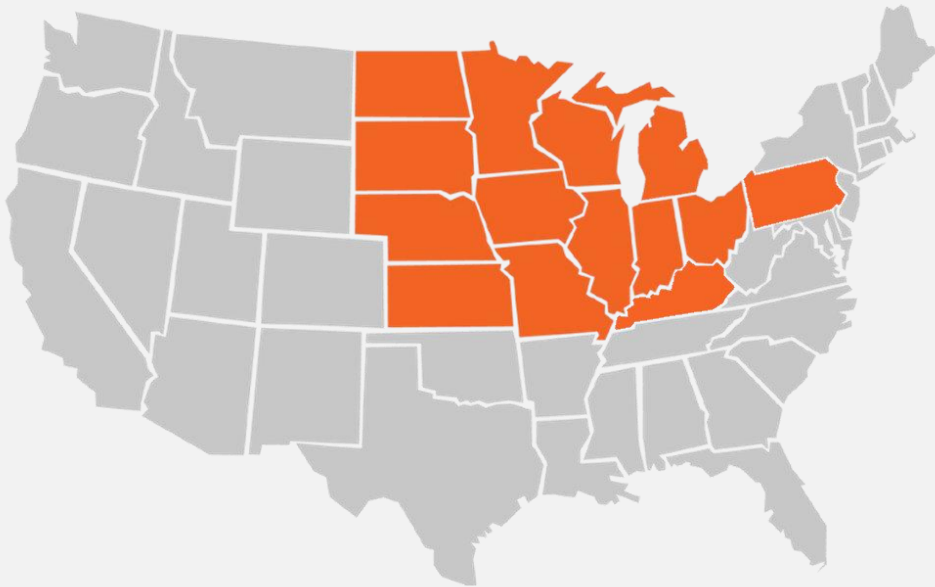
The 2026 Native Plant Sale



Neonicotinoid Free!



Butterfly and Bee Habitat Fund



- Non-Profit
- Minimum of 2 acres, Max 25 acres
- Provide seed at no cost
- 5-year agreement
- Assistance on site prep and maintenance



USDA Programs

Conservation Reserve Program

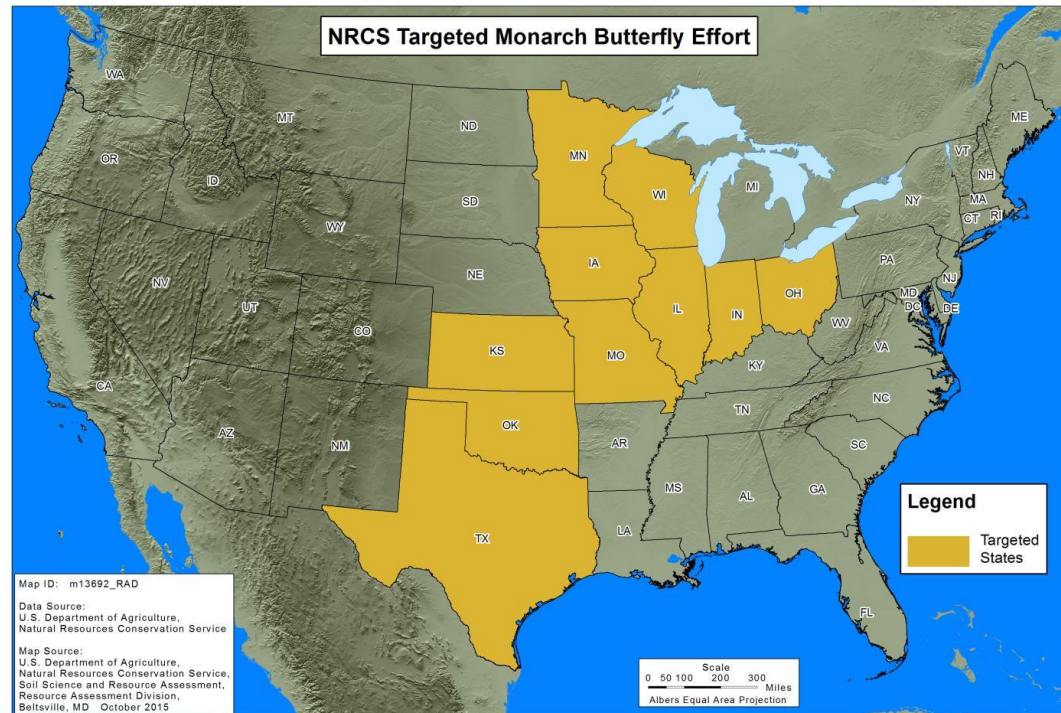
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program



- Federal Farm Bill Programs
- Must have a cropping history
- 10, 15, 30 – year, and permanent easement
- Payment for establishment
- Annual “rental” payment, (lump sum for permanent easement)



Monarch Butterfly Conservation on Working Lands



- Federal Farm Bill Programs
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- Conservation Stewardship Program

“Bee a Dot” on the Map Partners for Pollinators



“Bee a Dot” on the Map Program

- Faribault area residents
- Receive sign to promote pollinator habitat
- Highlights around thirty native gardens around Faribault