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# Locally Led Solutions

Connecting People to Resources  
and to Each other

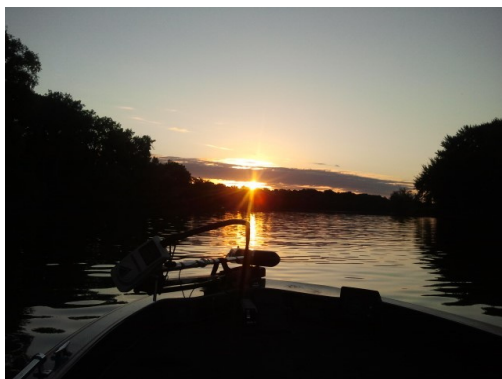


A Contour strip cropping is important to keep soil out of streams, rivers and road ditches.

**Water Storage (2021 Project) –  
Core engineered practice**



**Helps reduce flooding of roads and towns.**



**And keeps rivers  
cleaner for all  
who use it**

## Rooted in service to our Community

- Boots on the Ground technical assistance to landowners
- Engineering services and financial assistance to keep productive soil in place and nutrients out of our trout streams, rivers, and drinking water - benefits the rural ag community and the tourist industry
- Administer State mandated Wetland and Buffer programs. Provide landowners service to meet State regulations.
- Provide local tree buying options for windbreaks, energy efficiency, flood mitigation, erosion mitigation and carbon sequestration.
- Provide educational services with annual 5th Grade Field Day and Forestry Day events. Host events to showcase conservation practices, benefits, and build farmer led conversation.
- Targeted Outreach - Survey  
Says!...Southeast MN citizens top priority is the water they drink!

Wabasha SWCD has success in obtaining federal grant funding and sources of match funding are needed for successful projects and to avoid project start delays.

Current federal grants through:  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
319 funds through Minnesota Pollution Control Agency/Environmental Protection Agency

SWCD technicians provide valuable partnership services to USDA co-located partners



# 2021 PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS



**Prescribed Burn team - woody invasives project**



**Conservation Corp contracted for knotweed on riverbank - the District contracts special labor when efficient**



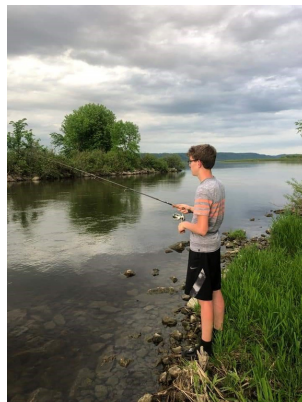
**North Fork Zumbro River at Mazeppa before**



**North Fork Zumbro River at Mazeppa after restoration on fishing easement**



**West Indian Creek restoration**  
Current targeted upland protection planned and federal funding obtained - District must provide match from stable funding sources and skilled technicians



**LOCAL FISHERS**



**Current work with partners to stabilize this fishing easement area on Mazeppa Creek**





**Honoring 3rd generation farmers -  
2021 Conservation Farmers of the year  
White Barn Acres - Matt and Seth Tentis**



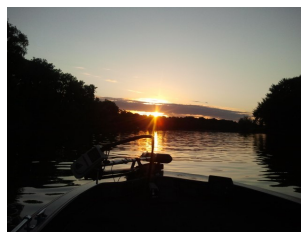
**Emerging cover crop - Keeping soil and nutrients  
where they are needed**



**Assistance to small feedlot owners - Wabasha  
needs more resources for these business owners**



**Working to get access to forestry  
resources for woodland managers**



**When I ask people  
for their love of  
water pics**

