

PRESS RELEASE: WATER QUALITY COMES DOWN TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Annandale, MN – Have you noticed the increased interest in the last few years in our water resources? From the Governor’s #25by25 initiative to the recently implemented Wright Regional Inspection Program for Aquatic Invasive Species, the problems facing our collective water resources, and potential fixes, have been making news.

When it comes down to it, the common theme in all this news can be summed up in two words: personal responsibility. We all have a role to play in protecting and preserving our water resources, because we all have an effect on those waters. From the time we arise in the morning, we are water users. We use it to bathe, to flush, to grow, to recreate – to live. How we use our water determines our water quality, and that is certainly the case in the Clearwater River watershed.



The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) was established forty-two years ago by citizen petition in order to promote, protect and preserve the water resources within this watershed in order to maintain property values and quality of life. There are a host of methods to fulfill this mission, but zeroing in on personal responsibility, the CRWD has long recognized that many land owners within the CRWD would be willing to undertake practices on their land to protect our waters, but they lack the resources to do so. For this reason, the CRWD offers a suite of cost-share incentive programs intended to fill that gap.

Recently revised, these programs are designed to work jointly with our local soil and water conservation districts, to pair their technical know-how with funds to implement real practices on private property that will deliver real improvements in our waters. From rain gardens to buffers, your local governments have set aside resources and have the know-how to help us fulfill our personal responsibility to our waters.

You can learn more about the CRWD’s incentive programs at: www.crwd.org/incentives.html. Or you can call the CRWD office at (320) 274-3935.