



Grant Progress Report

SWCD Local Capacity Services 2022

Grant Title: 2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)

Grant ID: P22-6114

Grantee: Koochiching SWCD

Fiscal Agent:

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Pam Tomevi

Grant Award (\$): \$128,541.00

Required Match (%): 0

Required Match (\$): \$0.00

Grant Execution Date: 01/04/2022

Grant End Date: 12/31/2024

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$128,541.00	\$128,541.00	\$0.00
Match Funds	\$19,500.00	\$19,732.91	(\$232.91)
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$148,041.00	\$148,273.91	(\$232.91)

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Proposed Measurable Outcomes	The grant targets four resource concern areas - Soil Erosion, Riparian Zone Management, Water Storage and Treatment, and Excess Nutrients - and supports increased capacity by funding expenses in the following categories: Staffing, Cost Share/Incentives, Technology/Capital Equipment, and Operations.
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Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
2022 Enhanced County Support	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Local Fund	2022 Koochiching County	\$19,500.00	\$19,732.91	(\$232.91)	Y

<i>Activity Name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Source Type</i>	<i>Source Description</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Balance Remaining</i>	<i>Match Fund?</i>
Riparian Zone Management-2022 Administration	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$8,000.00	\$9,523.98	(\$1,523.98)	N
Riparian Zone Management-2022 Education	Education/Information	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$15,000.00	\$16,058.53	(\$1,058.53)	N
Riparian Zone Management-2022 Forest/Buffer Management	Forestry Practices	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$42,000.00	\$44,653.29	(\$2,653.29)	N
Riparian Zone Management – 2022 Binational Watershed Coordination	Planning and Assessment	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$10,000.00	\$17,567.66	(\$7,567.66)	N
Riparian Zone Management – 2022 Data and Leased MFP Services and Supplies/Equipment	Supplies/Equipment	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$3,541.00	\$3,536.51	\$4.49	N
Riparian Zone Management-2022 Technical Assistance	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$50,000.00	\$37,201.03	\$12,798.97	N

Grant Activities

Activity Name: 2022 Enhanced County Support

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: No

Description: Enhanced technical, administrative, and financial support to Koochiching County via increased assistance with activities related to soil and water conservation policy, resource maintenance along Rat Root River and Black Bay, and water quality protection events associated with hazardous waste collection programs.

Budget Details

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Local Fund	2022 Koochiching County	\$19,500.00	\$19,732.91	(\$232.91)	12/31/2022	Y

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
FY 2022 Enhanced County Support expenses included May 2022 HHW Fees; Rat Root River Maintenance done by Rat Root River Enterprises; August 2022 Hazardous Waste Collection fees; BFRB monitoring support/LF Sediment mtg; Return unspent RRR funds from Koochiching County Land and Forest. 110.42 hours of Forest Resource Specialist staff time billed to Local Capacity - Forester, County Match spent on assisting landowners with forest stewardship inquiries and enrollment programs, invasive species discussions, landowner tree planting plan, worked with Forest Hill Cemetery with tree planting design	8/24/2022 8:57:00 AM
No activities in 2023.	1/31/2024 11:13:43 AM

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management – 2022 Binational Watershed Coordination

Activity Category: Planning and Assessment

Staff time?: Yes

Description: This funding continues bi-national watershed coordination between the U.S. and Canada, including tribal communities, within the watershed and is a critical component in the effort to protect water quality in the Rainy-Lake of the Woods Basin. Funds will be used to allow for participation on the International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board and Water Levels Committee (IJC appointment) and the International Multi-Agency Arrangement - Work Group (IMA-WG). These activities will continue to facilitate information sharing and project coordination among bi-national water management entities to better assess water quality improvement/protection needs and desired outcomes.

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Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$10,000.00	\$17,567.66	(\$7,567.66)	06/30/2023	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
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FY2022 Local Capacity Binational Watershed Coordination activities included 116 hours of District Administrator staff time spent on managing the 2022 flood and working with the IJC Water Level Committee; 2 basin tours with Army Corps Colonel and staff; meeting with Congressman Stauber and tour of flood sites; communications with local individuals and groups such as the Rainy Lake Property Owners; Border Lakes Association presentation; IJC communication plan development; 2022 Flood Report Outline; Water Levels Committee Fall presentation; and Water Level Committee WebEx attendance.

2023 expenditures include 168 hours of Koochiching SWCD staff time. Activities included: Assist with post flood report; spring engagement meetings; discussions with DNR regarding cattail permit; Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum attendance; working with IJC on flood reports and documents; Water Levels Committee (WLC) meeting for flood forecasting; participation and assistance for public meeting regarding flood forecast; IJC Semi Annual in Washington D.C.; assist local property owners with water level concerns; presentation to Rainy Lake Property Owners.

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management – 2022 Data and Leased MFP Services and Supplies/Equipment

Activity Category: Supplies/Equipment

Staff time?: No

Description: Funds will be used for monthly ISP services, leased MFP printer services, and field/office supplies and equipment to support programs related to this grant.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$3,541.00	\$3,536.51	\$4.49	03/31/2024	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
No funds spent or activities as of 12/31/2022.	12/6/2021 1:46:53 PM
2023 expenditures included monthly expenses for printing services, Verizon wifi services. Also included newspaper promotion for Forestry Workshop Promo - Newspaper ad for Cone Collection Workshop	1/31/2024 11:45:57 AM
2024 expenditures included monthly expenses for printing services, Verizon wifi services.	7/29/2024 3:15:32 PM

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management-2022 Administration

Activity Category: Administration/Coordination

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Funds will continue to be used for grant administration including supervision of staff working under this grant, coordination of activities necessary to complete the activities associated with this grant and completing the required eLINK reporting.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$8,000.00	\$9,523.98	(\$1,523.98)	06/30/2023	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
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FY2022 Local Capacity Administration expenses included 55.5 hours of staff time spent on invoicing; QuickBooks updates; staff updates; new employee training; providing financial assistance to Mille Lacs SWCD; FY2023 work plan create/update and submit; time tracking; eLINK data entry; invoice and receipt scan;	12/6/2021 1:41:25 PM
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2023 expenditures included 111 Koochiching SWCD staff hours. Activities included: eLINK data entry; staff updates; treasurer report; budget management/personnel updates; SAM registration info for USGS; calculating 2023 billing rates; visit with newly elected Supervisor; staff resignation paperwork; job posting for new hire; preparation and attendance at Koochiching SWCD board meetings; pay PERA and taxes and rent; meet with Pete Stauber's assistant; interview with Resource Conservationist and meetings with Personnel Committee for new hire process; cost share workplan writing; treasurer report data entry; submit final eLINK reporting; eLINK training; preparing for cone collection workshop.	1/31/2024 1:21:47 PM
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Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management-2022 Education

Activity Category: Education/Information

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Funds will be used to continue increased public awareness and community education via written, electronic, and in-person communications as well as workshops, outreach events, and participation in UMN Extension Northeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$15,000.00	\$16,058.53	(\$1,058.53)	06/30/2023	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
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FY2022 Local Capacity Education expenses included 169.5 hours of staff time spent on planning a TSA8 DNR forestry training and writing a nomination for the MASWCD Conservationist of the Year Award; walk-in landowner outreach; outreach to landowners via phone for invasive species removal participation; preparation for participation in Koochiching County Fair; planning for and conducting on BWSR Academy	12/6/2021 1:40:42 PM
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Results

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training session "Back to the Basics for Public Participation"; assist with Norther Landscape planning; participation in RSDP board meetings and planning (virtual and 1 in person); discussion with Little Fork school about future education work with students; attend sessions at BWSR Academy: "Get the Word Out", "Digital Accessibility Fundamentals", Oh, No! I Have to Plan Another Event!", "Kayaking the Media Stream", and "Back to the Basics for Public Engagement"; Envirothon planning meeting; process climatology forms and report to DNR and NRCS (volunteer hours for Earth Team), and create Koochiching SWCD informational calendar with local photos, distribution of 50.

2023 expenditures included 155.5 Koochiching SWCD staff hours. Activities included: Cone collection workshop coordination, preparation, and leading; MASWCD newspaper article review and submit; RSDP discussions on action plan; social media updates; tree collection planning; newsletter article planning, writing, editing; discussions with Women's Woodland Network; cone collection coordination with teachers/schools; cone collection even for adults at college; create educational flyer for cone collection events; assist with native plant order form; northern landscape committee attendance and minute taking; create 2022 Koochiching SWCD Annual Activity Report; attend statewide RSDP event.

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Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management-2022 Forest/Buffer Management

Activity Category: Forestry Practices

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Funds will continue to support the Forest Resource Specialist position that was created by the FY16 Local Capacity Funding. This position will work with private landowners to write and implement forest stewardship plans using Best Management Practices; assist private landowners with learning about and/or implementing stewardship practices that protect and improve local water quality; implement the MN Buffer Initiative; support efforts of the Northern Landscape Committee, MN Logger Education Program (MLEP), and the MN Forest Resources Council (MFRC); coordinate education efforts focused on riparian management for water quality.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$42,000.00	\$44,653.29	(\$2,653.29)	06/30/2023	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
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FY2022 Local Capacity Forest/Buffer Management expenses included 289.83 hours of staff time spent on assisting landowners with SFIA and program transfers; planning tree planting plan and shade tree inventory for Forest Hill Cemetery; conduct forestry fieldwork in the Rainy River-Rainy Lake watershed; landowner property mapping assistance; established and coordinated the Ranier Tree Board; participated in online MFRC meetings; attended the SWCD statewide forestry meeting in Marcell; 1 MFRC/PFM workgroup meeting in Cloquet presenting as part of a panel discussion; organized and led 1 Northern Landscape meeting including a mill tour (PCA) for meeting participants; coordinate with the City of Ranier on invasive species grant reporting; began planning seed collection workshop; forestry fieldwork in Big Fork watershed; and attended DNR PFM meeting in Cloquet (December).	12/6/2021 1:38:45 PM
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2023 expenditures include 630.5 hours of Koochiching SWCD staff time. Activities include: reporting and work plan writing; 319 work plan; landowner assistance with tree species on their properties; MFRC/NLC planning and budget meeting in Grand Rapids; Cone collection workshop coordination; tree planting plans and coordination with landowners; Northern Landscape plan and training discussion with Koochiching County Land and Forest Department; assisted landowners with forest stewardship projects; participation in the Koochiching SWCD board meeting; assist with truck maintenance; MASWCD Outstanding Forest Steward Award press release; working with Women's Woodland Network; discussions regarding peatland restoration carbon credit generation; assist City of Ranier's tree inventory contractor in receiving and interpreting data; attended MPCA meeting in Virginia to provide forestry perspective to water quality and monitoring; 1 presentation to Ranier City Council with tree inventory summary; Wrote a draft of the Ranier Tree and EAB management plan. Outreach to City Tree board; fieldwork to gather cones for educational and public events; attended online MFRC meetings a an NLC representative; led 3 educational cone collection events with 2 schools and one homeschool group; led one public cone collection training event with U of M Forester from Cloquet Forestry Center; assisted in Conservation Corps intern selection; led additional tree board meetings for City of Ranier; subcommittee creation for NLC plan; Attended a DNR spruce top harvest training North of Big Falls; tree planting coordination after tree sale; native plant seedling plant transport coordination; Tree planter transportation and coordination with a landowner. property mapping; landowner native plant coordination; Attended a BWSR Forestry meeting online; coordination of 35 trees for St. Thomas School students; Conducted forest fieldwork in the RR-RL watershed.	1/31/2024 2:37:57 PM
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Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management-2022 Technical Assistance

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Funds will be used to continue the enhanced delivery of Koochiching SWCD programs and projects including but not limited to: Buffer law implementation support, land use planning, GIS mapping, and landowner assistance on conservation practice planning and implementation.

Budget Details

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Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$50,000.00	\$37,201.03	\$12,798.97	06/30/2024	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
FY2022 Local Capacity Technical Assistance expenses included 7.5 hours of staff time spent on landowner assistance and mapping.	12/6/2021 1:39:58 PM
2023 expenditures included 715.55 Koochiching SWCD staff hours. Activities included: Assisted staff with water sampling for WPLMN (2 days); coordination for cone collection workshops (approximately 70 participants total); Coordination of Northern Landscape Committee (NLC); Assisting landowners with questions about tree planting, SFIA, tree selection, etc. - approximately 25 landowners; coordination of CWMA meeting; assist Environmental Services with Household Hazardous Waste Collection; assist new hire staff with training; Traveled to and attended a LRC&D meeting in Cloquet; board meeting attendance; assist with Dept. of Ag. loan program details; assist with Jackfish Bay Cattail project; staff report; updates to RIM payment rates; staff reports and board meeting attendance; progress report for exiting position; assist walk-in customers (approximately 28); IDP training; Core competency training MNC3; attend BWSR Academy sessions; attend webinar trainings; critical planting areas - online study materials; conservation planning modules; LCCMR Meeting with USGS MPCA SWCD; SAM registration (USGS); assist with 319 workplan; LCCMR Meetings with USGS MPCA SWCD; assist with spruce top collection; staff gauge maintenance; attendance at the 2023 Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum; discussions on Little Fork 1W1P; take MDH samples; check gauge at Rat Root River; GIS pro training; attend Ask an Expert Webinar hosted by LOWWSF; discussions on pond levelers and related cost-share.	1/31/2024 3:40:05 PM
2024 results included discussions 181.89 hours on pond levelers planning, assembly, and installation (2 staff) and related cost-share; assisting landowners; native planting research; BWSR trainings; MNC3 Training; newsletter article writing; biotech note 14, climate change planning; communication with native plant nursery, mapping and project planning; site check for hydrograph analysis; coordination with MPCA staff;	7/26/2024 11:01:52 AM

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coordination with partners for 1W1P application for Little Fork and Big Fork River Watersheds; gathering and compiling drone footage for Jackfish Bay project; BWSR trainings for new Resource Conservationist including MNC3; landowner communication specific to Jackfish Bay cattail project; GIS mapping; landowner site visits; create map for climatology sites; attend Conservation Partners Legacy meeting; assist landowners with well; drone software for creating online maps; seed pollinator research; pesticide applicator training for certification; worked with Couchiching First Nations on wild rice knowledge and planting plan.



Grant Progress Report

SWCD Local Capacity Services 2023

Grant Title: 2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)

Grant ID: P23-2475

Grantee: Koochiching SWCD

Fiscal Agent:

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Pam Tomevi

Grant Award (\$): \$128,944.00

Required Match (%): 0

Required Match (\$): \$0.00

Grant Execution Date: 12/14/2022

Grant End Date: 12/31/2025

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$128,944.00	\$128,944.00	\$0.00
Match Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$128,944.00	\$128,944.00	\$0.00

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Proposed Measurable Outcomes	The grant targets four resource concern areas - Soil Erosion, Riparian Zone Management, Water Storage and Treatment, and Excess Nutrients - and supports increased capacity by funding expenses in the following categories: Staffing, Cost Share/Incentives, Technology/Capital Equipment, and Operations.
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Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Riparian Zone Management - 2023	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$8,000.00	\$11,208.93	(\$3,208.93)	N

<i>Activity Name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Source Type</i>	<i>Source Description</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Balance Remaining</i>	<i>Match Fund?</i>
Administration							
Riparian Zone Management-2023 Education	Education/Information	Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$15,000.00	\$12,962.19	\$2,037.81	N
Riparian Zone Management - 2023 Forest/Buffer Managment	Forestry Practices	Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$60,000.00	\$64,542.59	(\$4,542.59)	N
Riparian Zone Management – 2023 Binational Watershed Coordination	Planning and Assessment	Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$10,000.00	\$15,121.22	(\$5,121.22)	N
Riparian Zone Management – 2023 Data and Leased MFP Services and Supplies/Equipment	Supplies/Equipment	Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$3,444.00	\$1,449.69	\$1,994.31	N
Riparian Zone Management-2023 Technical Assistance	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$32,500.00	\$23,659.38	\$8,840.62	N

Grant Activities

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management - 2023 Administration

Activity Category: Administration/Coordination

Staff time?: No

Description: Description Funds will continue to be used for grant administration including supervision of staff working under this grant, coordination of activities necessary to complete the activities associated with this grant and completing the required eLINK reporting.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$8,000.00	\$11,208.93	(\$3,208.93)	07/31/2024	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
No activities as of 12/31/2022.	12/12/2022 9:38:28 AM
2023 expenditures included 119.5 staff hours. Activities included onboarding of new staff; staff meetings; personnel committee meetings; filing PERA, taxes; article for CPL; entering eLINK.	1/29/2024 3:52:59 PM
2024 expenditures included 67 staff hours. Activities included general office tasks such as staff updates/meetings, time tracking, project/program updates; MNUI submission, new staff onboarding; Paycycle efile through QuickBooks; eLINK data entry and troubleshooting;	10/28/2024 11:23:59 AM

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management - 2023 Forest/Buffer Managment

Activity Category: Forestry Practices

Staff time?: No

Description: Description Funds will continue to support the Forest Resource Specialist position that was created by the FY16 Local Capacity Funding. This position will work with private landowners to write and implement forest stewardship plans using Best Management Practices; assist private landowners with learning about and/or implementing stewardship practices that protect and improve local water quality; implement the MN Buffer Initiative; support efforts of the Northern Landscape Committee, MN Logger Education Program (MLEP), and the MN Forest Resources Council (MFRC); coordinate education efforts focused on riparian management for water quality.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$60,000.00	\$64,542.59	(\$4,542.59)	07/31/2024	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
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No activities as of 12/31/2022.	12/12/2022 9:42:02 AM
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2023 expenditures include 556.5 Koochiching SWCD hours of staff time. Activities included: regional planning discussions with partners; tree planting follow-ups; forestry fieldwork prep; stewardship goal discussions; conducted forest fieldwork in the RR-RL watershed; city council presentation(Ranier); landowner follow-ups, staff meeting; conducted forest fieldwork in the Littlefork watershed; coordination with NRCS and tree planting discussion; pond leveler research and discussions; created a presentation for and traveled to Northome to give a presentation to the Northland Progressive group; forest stewardship and SFIA guidance to landowners; ash tree selection guidance provided to the City of Ranier; attended 1 Area VIII meeting in Bemidji; invasive species discussions; assist with new employee training; attended staff meetings and board meetings; meetings with MFRC to discuss 10-year plan; leading NLC planning meeting; participated in the MFRC LAC meeting, stewardship coordination and prep for MASWCD presentation; landowner assistance in Northome; storage space coordination; led Ranier tree board meetings; assist landowners with tree planting advice; 2 spruce top harvests with county forester; Conducted a forestry health visit at Camp Idlewood; create a small acreage plan and template for forest stewardship plan; 2 MFRC quarterly meetings; work with cemetery board on tree species, tree planting design and layout; developed buckthorn and EAB presentations; completed 1 workshop	1/30/2024 2:56:05 PM
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Results**Date Added**

regarding EAB and Buckthorn in Northome at the community center; created a presentation and gave a talk to MLEP group on regional forestry issues in Birchdale; Field day with NRCS soil tech and new regional forester; native plant sale coordination; meeting with UMN Extension contact and discussed projects; Work on submitting a project proposal application for invasive work with CCM&I.

2024 expenditures include 672.5 Koochiching SWCD hours of staff time. Activities included: Leading 3 planning meetings for the Northern Landscape Committee; forest stewardship coordination and tree planting planning assistance; assistance tech work on Jackfish landing; invasive species work; rain garden work; wrote and submitted CCM&I buckthorn project proposal; assisted with conservation awards press release; providing native pollinator guidance; conducted forestry fieldwork with DNR PFM forester south of the Black River; worked with SWCD Forestry Association on FSP input; attended 2 SWCD Forestry meetings (virtually); tree planting coordination; tree inspector certification; write and edit forestry related newsletter articles; provided technical assistance to landowners (approximately 25); worked on obtaining pesticide applicators training license; held discussions surrounding city tree ordinance; gave a presentation on invasive species to the Rainy Lake Property Owners Association; worked on writing the 319 plan; Conservation Corps grant project coordination; 1 tamarack logging site visit; Attended the TSA 8 Training Team Summit in Bemidji; prepared a session for BWSR Spring Training Session; Coordinated wild parsnip control along the International Falls bike trail with CCMI; obtain seed mix for Jackfish project; assist with hiring of Resource Conservationist; work with the City of International Falls on CWMA; pond leveler research, purchase of materials, building and installation; created a Koochiching County invasive species guide; planned and led the CWMA spring meeting; staff CCMI training; organizing tree sale; tree planter training for landowners; participated in NRCS Local Working Group Meeting; developed and led a county/city invasive species ID training; developed and delivered a presentation for the ConCon meeting; Attended a cattail management workshop and Kabetogama site tour at VNP; wild rice coordination meeting with Couchiching First Nation; lead a presentation on NLC plan draft and attend MFRC Tour; Led the Ranier Tree board meeting in city park; assisted the City of Ranier with the Emerald Ash Borer mitigation project.

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Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management – 2023 Binational Watershed Coordination

Activity Category: Planning and Assessment

Staff time?: Yes

Description: This funding continues bi-national watershed coordination between the U.S. and Canada, including tribal entities within the watershed and is a critical component in the effort to protect water quality in the Rainy-Lake of the Woods Basin. Funds will be used to allow for participation on the International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board and Water Levels Committee (IJC appointment) and the International Multi-Agency Arrangement - Work Group (IMA-WG). These activities will increase information sharing and project coordination among bi-national water management entities to better assess water quality improvement/protection needs and desired outcomes.

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Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$10,000.00	\$15,121.22	(\$5,121.22)	07/31/2024	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
No activities as of 12/31/2022.	12/12/2022 9:48:29 AM
2023 expenditures include 82 hours of Koochiching SWCD staff hours. Activities included: Water Level Committee (WLC) document review/updates; post flood report final draft and comment review; International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board (IRLWWB) CAG update/Basin meeting prep; IRLWWB Basin Meetings-Lake Of Woods (3 days); Border Lakes Association-WLC presentation w/ACOE; IWI proposal for Rainy-Namakan, online meeting; general planning meetings with the IRLWWB, discussions regarding alternatives to sandbags.	1/30/2024 4:06:22 PM
2024 expenditures include 116 Koochiching SWCD hours of staff time. Activities included: Water Level Committee IWI project review and comment; attended Water Level Committee meetings, including public meetings (18); International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board meetings (4); attended IJC Semi-Annual meeting in Washington D.C.; assist property owners with questions regarding water levels;	11/6/2024 2:07:45 PM

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management – 2023 Data and Leased MFP Services and Supplies/Equipment

Activity Category: Supplies/Equipment

Staff time?: No

Description: Description Funds will be used for monthly ISP services, leased MFP printer services, and field/office supplies and equipment to support programs related to this grant.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$3,444.00	\$1,449.69	\$1,994.31	09/30/2024	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
No activities as of 12/31/2022.	12/12/2022 9:52:04 AM
No expenditures as of 12/31/2023.	1/31/2024 9:34:02 AM
FY 2024 expenses included Data/MFP Services between April and September 2024.	11/6/2024 4:08:15 PM

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management-2023 Education

Activity Category: Education/Information

Staff time?: No

Description: Funds will be used to continue increased public awareness and community education via written, electronic, and in-person communications as well as workshops, outreach events, and participation in the UMN Extension Northeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$15,000.00	\$12,962.19	\$2,037.81	09/30/2024	N

Actual Results	
<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
No activities as of 12/31/2022.	12/12/2022 9:46:56 AM
2023 expenditures included 134.5 hours of Koochiching SWCD staff time. Activities included: Event planning and contract writing, planning for NLC 10-year plan meetings; preparing for the Koochiching County Fair; Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships meetings online and out of town; update CPL web pages; assist in buckthorn/EAB workshop planning; assist with MASWCD Outstanding Forester of the Year Award; discussions toward potential chainsaw class in Koochiching County; participated in the Climate Change, Ask and Expert event hosted by Lake of the Woods Sustainability Foundation; 1W1P Minutes; upload landowner memoir to website; create Koochiching SWCD calendar for volunteers.	1/30/2024 4:21:35 PM
2024 expenditures included 109.5 staff hours. Activities included (5) Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) meetings; 2 biochar update meetings; assisting on the native plant brochure for SWCD native plant sale; completed the Northern Landscape Committee (NLC) summary; attended (2) virtual Minnesota Women's Woodland Network (MNWWN) online education meetings; formatted newsletter, wrote articles, published and mailed, reached roughly 600 people between physical and digital copies; assist with 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting; assist BWSR with public participation training planning; preparing for the Envirothon event; attend Envirothon meeting; website updates, climatology updates; assist Lake of the Woods SWCD with education materials; coordination for Household Hazardous Waste; work with CCM intern on social media posts and website updates; assist with educational tool for terrestrial invasives; creation of a buckthorn; creation of an RSDP presentation;	10/28/2024 11:37:38 AM

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management-2023 Technical Assistance

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: No

Description: Description Funds will be used to continue the enhanced delivery of Koochiching SWCD programs and projects including but not limited to: Buffer law implementation support, land use planning, GIS mapping, and landowner assistance on conservation practice planning and implementation.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2023 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Koochiching SWCD)	\$32,500.00	\$23,659.38	\$8,840.62	09/30/2024	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
No activities as of 12/31/2022.	12/12/2022 9:45:38 AM
No activities as of 12/31/2023.	1/31/2024 9:34:42 AM
2024 expenditures include 484.86 Koochiching SWCD hours of staff time. Activities included: Led River View Buckthorn project with CCMI, DNR, City of I Falls; buckthorn outreach; Herbicide cost share field verification near Loman; grant plan development; SFIA and forest stewardship plan outreach; Conservation project coordination with landowners and NRCS; Project followups with landowners controlling wild parsnip; best management practice research; conservation cover FTOG; ATN 31 training; Agronomy tech note 31 training and testing; landowner technical assistance; writing and editing for annual report; attendance at the 2024 International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Sustainability Foundation Forum; technical assistance included approximately 30 landowners; staff offboarding; managed landowner complaints; worked on cattail removal project; erosion control assistance; assistance with tree program; assist landowners with tree planter rental; drone flights for project updates; Training MNC3; landowner interest meetings regarding cattail project; new staff onboarding; wood ash training; online GIS mapping; attended and completed Pesticide Applicator training; attended Voyageurs National Park cattail workshop; wrote an application for the BWSR accelerated implementation grant; met with Couchiching First Nation regarding wild rice; assess wild parsnip infestation at Tilson Bay, Bowman and Kuttles landings; trained CCM intern; assisted with water sample filtering; assisted with buckthorn removal project in the City of International Falls; assisted with 319 grant activity details; sample equipment prep; MDA sampling call; budget review; MDH sampling (5); Little Fork River sampling; floated the Little Fork River in search of erosion sites and mapped them; completed a final report for the Little Fork River WRAPS grant;	11/6/2024 4:17:38 PM