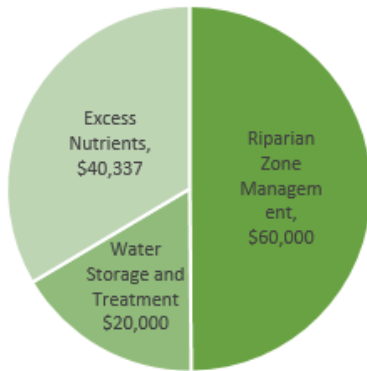


Local Capacity Funding At Work Marshall SWCD



STATE FUNDING AT WORK FOR SOIL AND WATER

Soil & Water Resource Concerns Addressed



Activity Spending



LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES	WATER QUALITY CONCERNS			
	Soil Erosion	Riparian Zone Mgmt	Water Storage & Treatment	Excess Nutrients
Inventory/Mapping				✓
Education/Information		✓		
Groundwater			✓	
Water Quality Practices				✓
Technical/Engineering Assistance		✓		
Equipment		✓		

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MARSHALL COUNTY

Thanks to these state funds, the Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been able to establish our own cost share program. Priority Ag Best Management Practices (BMPs) including Field Windbreaks, Buffer Strip Implementation, Side Water Inlets Installation (SWIs) and Well Sealings on abandoned wells are eligible for cost share assistance. Abandoned wells are a direct source to groundwater which means they can lead to pollutants easily contaminating the aquifer and affecting drinking water.

Thanks to these funds, so far 20 abandoned wells have/will be sealed and 4 SWIs will be implemented. The Marshall SWCD has developed a unique partnership with Marshall County Environmental Services. 90% cost share assistance (75% from Marshall SWCD and 15% from Marshall County Environmental Services) will be given to eligible Marshall County landowners to seal their abandoned wells.

The Marshall SWCD is doing better because these funds are readily available. If we are out of limited state cost share funds and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds are not available, we are able to use these funds instead of waiting for more to come available. The quicker a project is completed properly, the more likely the landowner is to do business with us in the future.



Abandoned well in Marshall County scheduled to be sealed with state funds



Side Water Inlet (SWI) installed with state funds

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