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Funding available for drainage water management projects

Sauk Centre, Minnesota— Are you looking to upgrade or add a conservation drainage system to your farm? Or do you need a loan for a best management practice to prevent or reduce runoff? Now's the time to apply!

The "Conservation Drainage Program" through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and Sauk River Watershed District is looking for landowners who want to conduct drainage water management projects on both existing and new drainage systems. \$228,587 is available through Legacy funding for engineered drainage system projects. This program enables landowners to manage drainage in a way that protects nearby lakes and streams. It's a way for citizens to use Legacy money in our community and to get private and public benefits through this program.

Local governments including counties, soil and water conservation districts and watershed districts are eligible applicants for grant funds to assist landowners with the installation of conservation projects. The Sauk River Watershed District was awarded funds in early 2013. Priority will be given to projects and practices implemented in the sub watershed to Long Lake in Stearns County. For more information, please contact Sauk River Watershed District at 320-352-2231 or visit www.bwsr.state.mn.us.

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