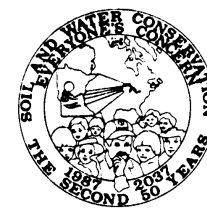


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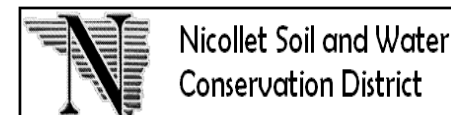
Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm
-Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.
-District employees are frequently out of the office performing field work.

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Phone: (507)-931-2550 ext. 3
Fax: (507) 931-3792

Jaime Rindels
District Conservationist
Marie Lynch
Soil Conservation Tech.



Tree Order Day:

The annual Tree Order Day will be held on **Wednesday January 27th, from 8:00am to 4:30pm** at the District Office located at 424 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, MN. (Across from the Courthouse in downtown St. Peter).

If you would like information on Windbreak planting, tree species available or any other planting information, stop in at this time to speak with district staff directly. We will be taking orders on a first come basis, and this is your opportunity to get your order in early. Once again, we will have a limited number of large potted Spruce Trees this year and we expect them to sell fast.

Those who are unable to attend Tree Order Day can fax or mail orders in (order form included in this newsletter). We plan to have trees on hand for viewing. Fabric matting will also be on hand to look at.

Tree orders for the 2010 season will be accepted through **March 31st, 2010**. If you would like to mail your order in, please send to the address listed above. If faxing your order in, please fax to (507) 931-3792. Order forms are available on our website www.nicolletswcd.org. If you have any questions about Tree Order Day, please contact Blake @ (507) 931-2550 ext.3.



Gerald Rodning:

Long time Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District supervisor Gerald "Jerry" Rodning passed away on September 13, 2009. Jerry served on the SWCD Board for 35 years representing New Sweden, Bernadotte, and Brighton Townships. He was a dedicated supervisor serving on various committees and attending numerous Area, State, and National SWCD Conventions. "Thank You" Jerry for your dedication to conservation in Nicollet County.



Gerald (Jerry) Rodning:
Nicollet SWCD Board
Supervisor 35 years

Cost-Share:

Residents of Nicollet County that would like assistance in implementing a conservation practice, are eligible for Cost-Share assistance through the Nicollet SWCD. Cost-Share is available to urban and rural landowners in the county.

Cost-Share practices include windbreaks, unused well sealing, terraces, sediment control basins, contour strip cropping, streambank protection, wastewater and feedlot runoff control, waterways and diversions.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Sign-Up:

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently taking applications for the 2010 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The EQIP program provides cost-share assistance to farmers for practices ranging from animal waste systems to erosion control structures to grazing systems. In addition, incentive payments are available for nutrient management, pest management, and residue management.

The EQIP application period is continuous, with the 2010 ranking and scoring period to start February 1st and runs through the end of the month. The 2010 funds are expected to be allocated by late winter. If you have natural resource concerns on your land and are interested in making a commitment to conservation, EQIP could be the solution.

For more information please contact the NRCS or Nicollet County Soil and Water Conservation District located in the USDA Service Center in Saint Peter, MN at 507.931.2550 ext. 3.

Quick Notes:

Rush River CRP Incentives: If you live in the Rush River Watershed, you can receive additional sign up incentives for enrolling land into the Conservation Reserve Program. Activities include filter strips, wetland restorations, cover crop planting, and tile intake alternatives. Contact Blake in the SWCD office for more info.

TREE ORDER DAY: The Nicollet SWCD will be holding their annual Tree Order Day on Wednesday, January 27th, 2010 from 8:00am - 4:30pm. Stop in for refreshments and cookies while you gather information on this year's tree sales. Assistance with windbreak planting and much more will be available.

State Cost-Share Assistance: Nicollet County residents are eligible to receive cost-share assistance in the installation of Conservation Practices. Cost-share is available to cover 75% of eligible costs for most practices.

2010 TREE PROGRAM

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
424 SOUTH MINNESOTA AVE. SAINT PETER, MN 56082
PHONE: (507) 931-2550 Ext. 3

QUALITY NURSING STOCK FOR CONSERVATION

Order Number (office use)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

BARE ROOT CONIFERS

1 Bundle = 10 Trees

Species	Size	# of Bundles	Cost
Blackhills Spruce	12"-18"	_____	x 13.50/Bundle = _____
Colorado Spruce	12"-18"	_____	x 13.50/Bundle = _____
Norway Spruce	12"-18"	_____	x 13.50/Bundle = _____
Norway Pine (Red)	12"-18"	_____	x 13.50/Bundle = _____
White Pine	8"-12"	_____	x 13.50/Bundle = _____
Ponderosa Pine	8"-15"	_____	x 13.50/Bundle = _____
American Arborvitae	12"-18"	_____	x 16.00/Bundle = _____

CONIFER POTTED

Order by 5's Please

1 Gal. Blackhills Spruce	15"-18"	_____	x 6.75/Tree = _____
2 Gal. Blackhills Spruce	24"-30"	_____	x 12.00/Tree = _____
1 Gal. Colorado Spruce	15"-18"	_____	x 6.75/Tree = _____
2 Gal. Colorado Spruce	24"-30"	_____	x 12.00/Tree = _____
1 Gal. Norway Spruce	15"-18"	_____	x 6.75/Tree = _____
1 Gal. Meyer Spruce	15"-18"	_____	x 6.75/Tree = _____
2 Gal. Meyer Spruce	18"-24"	_____	x 11.00/Tree = _____
2 Gal. White Pine	18"-24"	_____	x 10.00/Tree = _____
1 Gal. American Arborvitae	15"-18"	_____	x 6.75/Tree = _____

BARE ROOT DECIDUOUS

1 Bundle = 10 Trees

Black Walnut	12"-18"	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Green Ash	2'-3'	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Hackberry	18"-24"	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Norway Poplar	2'-3'	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Silver Maple	18"-24"	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Sugar Maple	18"-24"	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Red Maple	18"-24"	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Red Oak	18"-24"	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____

SMALL TREES

1 Bundle = 10 Trees

Amur Maple	18"-24"	_____	x 11.00/Bundle = _____
Crab, Red Splendor	18"-24"	_____	x 11.00/Bundle = _____
Nanking Cherry	18"-24"	_____	x 11.00/Bundle = _____
American Plum (New Item)	18"-24"	_____	x 11.00/Bundle = _____

SHRUBS

1 Bundle = 10 Trees

Freedom, Honeysuckle	12"-18"	_____	x 12.00/Bundle = _____
Villosa Lilac	12"-18"	_____	x 11.00/Bundle = _____
Dogwood Redosier	2'-3'	_____	x 11.00/Bundle = _____
Am. Highbush Cranberry	12"-18"	_____	x 11.00/Bundle = _____

FABRIC TREE SQUARES & ROLLS

Price Includes 6"x1"x0" Staples

of Mats or Feet

Pre-Cut Tree Squares	3' x 3'	_____	x 1.35/Square = _____
Fabric Roll Mat (by the foot)	1 Foot	_____	x 0.35/Foot = _____
Fabric Roll Mat (whole roll)	300 Feet	_____	x 105.00/Roll = _____

Please Round Sales Tax Correctly

SUBTOTAL
SALES TAX (6.875%)
TOTAL DUE

Make Checks Payable to Nicollet SWCD

Important Notice

If trees will be used for government programs please let staff know.

Trees are distributed in April, we will notify you of your pickup day.

The cost of trees does not warrant free

replacement and the district offers no guarantee of survival.

Payment is due on day of order, or pickup day.

Availability and size are subject to change. Please check the online

order form, or call the district office if you have questions.

www.nicolletswcd.org

If you would like to be notified of your pickup day by e-mail, please provide that information in the space provided above

5 Lake Facts about Minnesota:

- 1.) Minnesota's nickname is the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," but the state actually has 11,842 lakes that are 10 acres or more in size.
- 2.) There are 201 Mud Lakes, 154 Long Lakes, and 123 Rice Lakes commonly named in Minnesota.
- 3.) Minnesota has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined.
- 4.) The Minnesota lake with the most shoreline is Lake Vermillion.
- 5.) Saganaga Lake is the deepest lake in Minnesota.



New SWCD Board Member:

Robby Gieseke has been appointed by the Nicollet SWCD Board Supervisors to fill the vacant position on the Board. Robby lives in New Sweden Township and is currently working as an agricultural crop producer.

The townships being represented by this position are New Sweden, Bernadotte, and Brighton.

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 73rd Annual Meeting:

This year marked the 73rd annual MASWCD meeting, held on December 6th-8th 2009 at the Duluth Entertainment Center in Duluth, MN. The theme this year was "SWCD's - Working Clean, Green & Lean."

Daily training sessions for both employees and supervisors were offered on a variety of topics. Topics this year included Low Impact Development, Freedom of Information Act, Shipwrecks of Lake Superior, Native Grass Seeding and Community and Urban Conservation.

In addition to the scheduled sessions, an Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon, Keynote Address, Business Meeting, and Closing Banquet were held.

The Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District would like to extend their thanks to the following businesses, for contributions made to the annual auction which is held during the convention. This auction helps raise money to fund education programs around the state. One program that receives funding through this auction is the yearly Envirothon in which students participate in a conservation field day.

- Zin's Implement of Nicollet
- First National Bank, St. Peter
- Judson Implement

Memorandum of Understanding signed between State and Federal Wetlands Protection Programs:

An agreement to improve coordination of state and federal policies for wetland protection on agricultural land was finalized by state and federal conservation officials.

The agreement will lead to a more simplified, coordinated approach to administering two separate programs for protecting wetlands. The Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), the primary state law protecting wetlands in Minnesota, is administered by local governments with oversight from the State Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). The wetland protection provisions of the federal farm bill, commonly known as "Swampbuster," are administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

BWSR and NRCS officials signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to improve consistency in administering these programs. The MOU establishes agreement by both agencies on topics such as information sharing, delineating wetland boundaries, procedures to resolve violations, and setting standards for replacement wetlands that are needed for mitigation purposes.

"State and federal wetland protection programs have similar – but not the same – objectives and administrative procedures. This MOU will result in increased consistency and make it easier for landowners to understand their responsibilities under each program," said John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director.

According to William Hunt, USDA NRCS State Conservationist, "Staff in both agencies already are working together to help landowners better understand how they can comply with wetland protection programs and regulations, and I'm confident that this MOU will build on that cooperation and coordination."