

Environmental Newsletter

2018 NOBLES COUNTY OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS

Brian and Michelle Ling were named the 2018 Nobles County Outstanding Conservationists.

The Lings farm in Bigelow Township, but don't own any of the land they farm. Brian is the third-generation Ling to farm the land and completes most of the work himself with the help of his wife, Michelle.

Nearly 35 years ago Brian and his dad, Tom, decided to start implementing no-till practices. Within a few years, all of the land the Ling duo farmed had been converted to no-till. Lately, the Lings have been working on adding cover crops into the mix.

The Lings also have a few sediment basins in place that have outlasted their expected lifespan. Since converting to cover crops and no-till, soil loss hasn't been a huge issue.

The Lings were recognized during the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' annual meeting December 9th–11th, 2018. Congratulations Brian and Michelle!



CHANGES AT NOBLES SWCD

Nobles SWCD's Farmbill Technician, Austin DeWitte, took a new position in South Dakota and left Nobles SWCD in August 2018. Catelyn LaCour has been hired to fill the Farmbill Technician position.

Catelyn is a recent graduate of Bemidji State University with a major in Wildlife Biology and an emphasis in Wetlands Ecology. Some of the projects and programs she will be taking over include: Buffer Legislation, CREP, RIM and CRP.

If you have questions about any of the above listed programs or to follow up with a current project, please contact Catelyn LaCour at Catelyn.lacour@noblesswcd.org or call her at 507-376-9150 ext. 131.



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NOBLES COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Household Hazardous Waste Department

The HHW Department is open every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. year round, and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until noon (April thru October)

Below is a list of a few items that should be brought into the HHW Facility. For a complete list visit the Nobles County website and search for the Public Works Department.

Pesticides, Herbicides, Paints and Sealers, Drain and Oven Cleaners, Florescent Light Bulbs

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE REMINDERS

- ⇒ Land Use Permits—Required any time a structure, permanent or portable, are constructed or moved in/on property located within Nobles County to ensure required setbacks from property lines, roads, floodplains, etc. are met. Please contact Nobles County ENVS at 507-295-5322 to acquire necessary permits prior to construction.
- ⇒ Transferring Property—As of October 1, 2018 Split Authorization Forms are required to be included with recording documents when transferring property that involves splitting parcels. Early submission of proposed legal descriptions will help expedite the process and ensure all necessary structure setbacks are met. If you are considering splitting parcels, contact Nobles County Planning and Zoning at 507-295-53-22 for more information.
- ⇒ Feedlot Licenses—Nobles County Feedlot Licenses must be updated any time an existing feedlot expands, closes or changes ownership. A new feedlot license must be obtained when construction a new feedlot or re-populating a feedlot that has not had livestock in the past four years. Contact Mitchell Hartwig, Nobles County Feedlot Officer at 507-295-5322 with any questions regarding Nobles County Feedlot Rules.

FARM VALUE AND PROFITABILITY

Spring rains come at our most vulnerable time damaging our crops and fields. Farm land value is still high and crop prices are reasonable. Every ton of soil saved on your farm is that much more valuable and that much more important to keep there.

Your soil is a main component working for you to maximize profitability. Conservation and Profitability shouldn't compete. They can and should work together.

Nobles NRCS and SWCD do free estimates for erosion control practices. We want to keep your soil on your farm and help keep you profitable. Stop into the NRCS/SWCD office and let us work with you to develop a working conservation plan for your farm.



INFORMATION REGARDING WINDBREAKS AND SHELTERBELTS

Tired of drifting snow? A well planned and maintained windbreak can save you money and time by reducing the amount of blowing snow and wind speed. Along with saving money, windbreaks can add value to your property will giving animals a place to take cover in the winter. Tree and shrub plantings for wildlife are a great way to help wildlife survive the harsh Minnesota winters.

Many tree planting projects may be eligible for financial assistance through some federal and local programs. The federal program, Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) has money for trees if the practice meets specifications to qualify for assistance. Prices for EQIP are based on the program, tree species and tree density. The local programs are provided by Nobles SWCD and the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District. Payments up to \$1,000 are available for trees planted to meet specifications and standards. The SWCD staff will help with the design and planting of your project to meet the programs requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the different tree practices and programs please contact the Nobles SWCD at 507-376-9150 ext. 3.



Tree Price List				
Species and size not limited to list below				
	Size	Price/Tree	Quantity Ordered	Total Price
Shrubs				
American Cranberrybush	2'-3'	\$2.00		
American Plum	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Amur Maple	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Common Purple Lilac	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Golden Current	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Redosier Dogwood	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Blue Artic Willow	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Hybrid Willow	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Trees				
American Linden	2'-3'	\$3.00		
Black Walnut	2'-3'	\$3.00		
Silver Maple	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Sugar Maple	18"-24"	\$2.00		
Norway Poplar	2'-3'	\$2.00		
Red Oak	2'-3'	\$3.00		
Swamp White Oak	2'-3'	\$3.00		
Evergreens/Conifers				
Eastern Red Cedar (Bareroot)	15"-18"	\$3.00		
Black Hills Spruce or Meyer Spruce	1-Gal	\$15.00		
	2-Gal	\$25.00		
	3-Gal	\$40.00		
White Pine	1-Gal	\$15.00		
Norway Spruce	1-Gal	\$15.00		
White Spruce	1-Gal	\$15.00		
Ponderosa Pine	1-Gal	\$15.00		
Tree Mat, Staples, & Planting				
Square Tree Mat w/ 6 staples (each)	3' x 3'	\$1.25		
Installed Tree Mat (per foot)	6'	\$.50		
Extra Staples (each)		\$0.05		
Bareroot Tree Planting (\$75 Minimum)		\$0.25		
Prices Subject to change				

TREE SALE REMINDERS

- All orders should be placed by February 28, 2019
- All orders are subject to availability
- There is no survival guarantee on any tree stock
- Other tree species or sizes may be available upon request
- Trees must be paid for in full by the time they are picked up or within a week of being planted/matted
- For orders over \$500, a 50% down payment is required.
- Contact Scott Runck, District Technician, for questions regarding the tree sales, planting and matting services.
- Payment in cash or check made to: Nobles SWCD
1567 McMillan St.
Worthington, MN 56187

TREE ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SUB-TOTAL: \$ _____

TAX: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

DOWN PAYMENT: \$ _____

BALANCE DUE: \$ _____

Scott Runck, District Technician

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507-376-9150 ext. 117

NATIVE SEED AND NO-TILL DRILL

- The Nobles SWCD can provide access to Native Grass Seed for CRP and Wildlife plantings as well as seed for waterways and other erosion control practices.
- Seed can be delivered within a week.
- Three types of no-till drills are available for rent. The Dew Drop Drill is used behind a small tractor or ATV. The two Great Plains Drills are for use behind a tractor.
- Prices are subject to change
- Payment is required in full before the seed will be ordered.
- A drill rental agreement must be signed before the drill is used.

For more information regarding the native seed and no-till drill program, contact:

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Native Seed and No-Till Order Form

Mix Type	Cost per Unit	Qty	Total
CP-21	\$110.00		
CP-25	\$175.00		
CP-2	\$117.00		
CP-21 Introduced	\$58.00		
Waterway Mix	\$130.00		
Special Order	Price Upon Request		
No-Till Drill (rental) Great Plains	\$10.00/acre or \$100 Minimum		
No-Till Drill (rental) Great Plains & Dew Drop	\$7.00/acre or \$75 Minimum		
Below to be completed by SWCD Staff			
Shipping Cost:			
Total Cost:			
Tax:			
Balance Due:			



HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU HAVE YOUR SEPTIC TANK PUMPED?

Your septic tank should be cleaned (maintained), by a licensed SSTS Maintainer, approximately every three years with the exact frequency depending on levels of use. The licensed maintainer that you choose will inspect your tank to determine if it needs to be pumped. If pumping is required, they will then remove all of the scum and sludge that has accumulated in your tank. The cleaning of your tank must be performed through the 24-inch tank maintenance hole rather than through one of the 4-inch inspection pipes. As a homeowner, you should make certain that this is the case. Failure to utilize the larger and more centrally located maintenance hole will result in your tank being only partially emptied. This will increase the chances of the remaining solids floating out of your tank as it begins to refill, and finding their way into your soil treatment system where they can damage and shorten the life of your drain field.

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN

The Missouri River One Watershed, One Plan Planning Group has completed the Missouri River One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) document. Currently, the plan is in the 60-day review window. Comments should be submitted on this plan by February 25, 2019 to Dan Livdahl (Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District) and Douglas Goodrich (BWSR Board Conservationist).

The official notice, including contact information for Dan Livdahl and Douglas Goodrich, can be found at: <https://www.noblesswcd.org/one-watershed-one-plan>.



“In addition to enjoying the wildlife benefits, it also made sense for us financially. We really liked that the payment was spread out over 15 years.” - Minnesota CREP Landowner

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

What is CREP?

- CREP is a voluntary conservation program that combines federal and state programs across prioritized portions of Minnesota.
- CREP combines the popular Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) with a perpetual Reinvest in MN (RIM) easement. Successful landowners who enroll would receive an annual payment from CRP for 14-15 years along with an up-front payment from the RIM program.
- Lands enrolled in CREP are restored and enhanced for conservation benefits, and remain in private ownership.

What is Eligible?

- Lands need a cropping history in order to be eligible.
- Existing CRP lands that are in the last year of their contract are eligible to be enrolled.
- The priorities for CREP are to add buffers to our lakes, rivers, streams, or ditches and to restore wetland areas.

How to Learn More

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Mitchell Hartwig, Environmental Specialist

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) helps agricultural producers confront challenges—all while conserving natural resources like soil, water and air.

This voluntary conservation program helps producers make conservation work for them. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations.

The 2019 application period will have two separate application periods. The first EQIP application deadline is January 15, 2019. The second EQIP application period deadline is April 19, 2019.

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