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Pope Soil and Water Conservation District

November 2021

Nathan and Angie Walter Selected as Outstanding Conservationists



Nathan and Angie Walter of Westport, Minnesota were selected as the 2021 Pope County Outstanding Conservationists. They have two children Lauren and Levi and they attend Osakis school. They operate a 390-acre organic dairy farm raising corn, hay, rye, barley, oats, and cover crops for use on the farm. They milk 100 Guernsey/Red Holstein/Norwegian cross cows, raise 50 heifers, 20 calves, broiler chickens, and laying hens.

The Walters have implemented many conservation practices over the years working with NRCS, MDA, and

Pope SWCD including: an ag waste facility, nutrient management plan, shelterbelt, cover crops, grazing plan, reduced tillage, no-till, and soil health practices. The operation is also certified through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program.

The Walters are active members in their community, Sustainable Farming Association, Organic Valley, 4-H, and serve in leadership roles in these organizations. They are mentors for the Sustainable Farming Association Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship program. The Walter's are a premier example of regenerative agriculture and the Pope SWCD was proud to select them as this year's Outstanding Conservationists.

The Walter's were recently selected as one of eight finalists in this recognition program. They will be honored by Pope County and Pope SWCD later this year at a Commissioner's meeting. They will also be recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Convention on December 14, 2021 in Bloomington. Congratulations Walter Family!



The Pope SWCD office is closed to the public at this time as the USDA Service Center is closed to visitors. SWCD staff are working. We ask that you call in advance and speak to us about an appointment to ensure prompt assistance. Thank you for your understanding as we all work together and conduct our business a little differently.

Stevens and Pope Conservation Day at SWELL



Pope and Stevens SWCDs partnered for this year's 14th Annual Conservation Day for 5th grade students on September 30th. The day had outdoor sessions including waterfowl, native plants, trees, orienteering, geocaching, and more. The feature session came from the Minnesota Raptor Center.

Thank you to:

Lawn and Driveway Service, North Fork Crow River Watershed District, Bremer Bank, Hill Top Lumber, Eco Water, West Central Research and Outreach Center, Pope Co. Land and Resource Management, Stevens County, Glenwood Fire Department, Donnelly Rod and Gun Club, Stevens County Pheasants Forever, Pope County Pheasant Restoration, Morris Lions Club, Glacial Ridge Gobblers, Federated Telephone, Kristin Koch (UofM Extension), Jessica Albertsen (Douglas SWCD), Melissa McCann (NRCS), Kasey Jenc (PF), Britta Haseman (NRCS), Ranger Randee, Colton Henjum (North Fork Crow River WD), Raptor Center, Riley Stedman (USFWS), Karl and Linda Retzlaff, Stevens SWCD Staff, and Pope SWCD staff.

It truly takes a village to complete an event of this size. We are so grateful for you all!

Pope and Stevens County Water Festival Held



Over 300 6th grade students attended the Water Fest event in September. Sessions included: the water cycle, rainfall simulator, water treatment plant, macro invertebrates, stormwater, groundwater, what water would you drink, stream morphology, and fish journey.



2022 SALES PROGRAM ORDER FORM

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Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

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Day Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Order early for the best selection of trees. We can have shortages of some varieties.

You will be notified in April of pick-up dates for trees, tree products, and for grass seed orders.

Orders received before **December 10th, 2021** for 2022 planting will receive **10% off the tree order.**

Special orders available upon request, call now to secure your order! No project to big or small!

Prices are subject to change.

ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
SHRUBS (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees			
Buffaloberry	\$42.50		
Chokeberry, black	\$42.50		
Hazlenut	\$42.50		
Hi Bush Cranberry	\$42.50		
Juneberry	\$42.50		
Common Lilac	\$42.50		
Cotoneaster	\$42.50		
Redosier Dogwood	\$42.50		
Sand Cherry	\$42.50		
Villosa Lilac	\$42.50		
LARGE TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees			
Siouxland Cottonwood	\$42.50		
Hackberry	\$42.50		
Bur Oak	\$42.50		
Silver Maple	\$42.50		
Sugar Maple	\$42.50		
American Linden Basswood	\$42.50		
SMALL TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees			
American Plum	\$42.50		
Common Chokecherry	\$42.50		
Red Splendor Crab	\$42.50		
EVERGREENS priced per bundle of 25 Trees			
Black Hills Spruce	\$45.00		
Colorado Blue Spruce	\$45.00		
Ponderosa Pine	\$45.00		
American Arborvitae (White Cedar)	\$45.00		
Red Pine (Norway Pine)	\$45.00		

Trees Ordered: _____

Page Total: \$ _____

See Reverse Side for Tax.

****Conservation Grade Trees Must Be Ordered in Minimum Quantities of 25 unless otherwise noted.**

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ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
POTTED EVERGREENS <i>(other varieties of evergreens available upon request)</i>			
Black Hills Spruce	\$16.50 each		
TREE CARE (Plant Skydd Repellent)			
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 200-300 1' seedlings) 1 lb powder	\$25.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 400-600 1' seedlings) 2.2 lb powder	\$37.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 100 1' seedlings) 1 liter premixed	\$20.00		
TREE CARE			
Tree Shelters 4' height (biodegradable)	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Wood Stakes 4' height	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Weed Control Mats 3x3 w/ 4 staples	\$3.50		
Bulk Roll of Weed Fabric 500'	\$150.00 per roll		
Staples/1000 per box (Anchor Pins)	\$80.00 per box		
SERVICES -- All Services have a \$75.00 one time service charge			
Custom Installed Weed Fabric (fabric included in price)	\$0.60 per foot		
Custom Tree Planting (\$100 minimum charge)	\$0.60 per tree		
Custom Mowing	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Cultivation	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding ATV	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding No-till Drill	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
EQUIPMENT RENTALS <i>(Delivery charges do apply)</i>			
Tree Planter (minimum charge of \$50.00)	\$50.00 per day		
No-Till Drill (minimum charge of \$75.00)	\$9.00 per acre		
Packer (minimum charge of \$75.00)	\$2.50 per acre		
Rainbarrels	\$65.00 each		
CUSTOM GRASS SEED MIXES <i>(priced per acre)</i>			
<i>Custom mixes available upon request suited to meet program requirements. Call for a quote 320-634-5327</i>			
<p>*Planning and Design service with on-site visit. (FREE) *Trees sold are for conservation purposes only. *SWCD cannot guarantee survival rate of trees. *SWCD reserves the right to substitute sizes or cancel species due to availability. *A 25% down payment is required on all orders at the time of the order. All orders after March 1st 2022 must be paid in full at the time of the order. All balances due by April 1st, 2022. Orders Cancelled after February 1st, 2022 will be charged a 25% cancellation fee. *10% Off Tree Orders sent in by December 10, 2021.</p>		<p>Total This Side :</p> <p>Total Front Side :</p> <p>Subtotal :</p> <p>7.375% Sales Tax :</p> <p>Total Order Cost :</p> <p>Paid :</p> <p>Balance :</p>	

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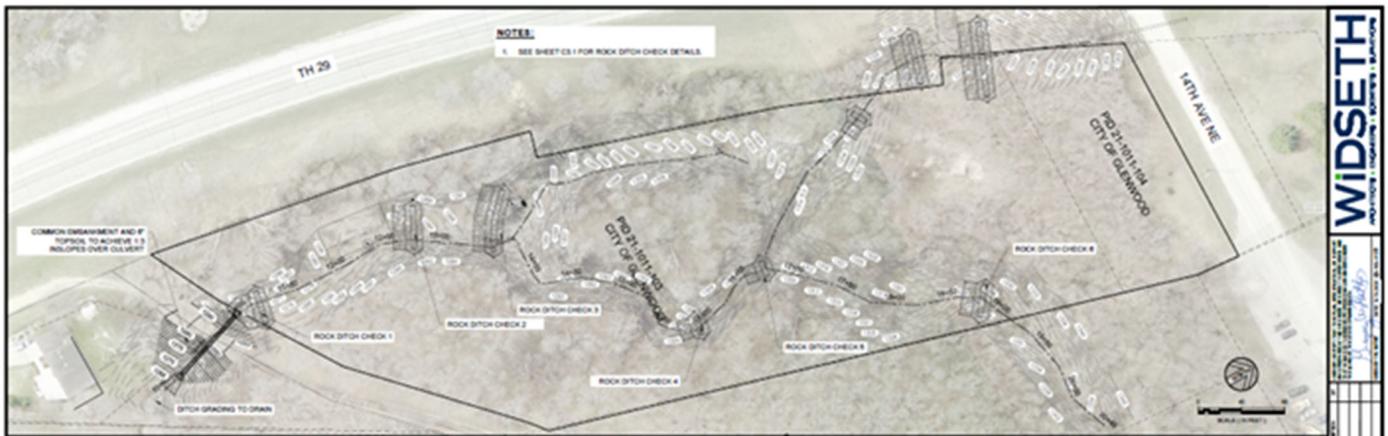
City of Glenwood Ravine Project Finished



Pope SWCD partnered with the City of Glenwood to address stormwater concerns in the city. A ravine stabilization project is the latest project to be completed. Pope SWCD applied for a Clean Water Fund grant through the Board of Water and Soil Resources to complete this project. The total project cost is \$278,250. Pope SWCD is providing 75% cost share to the City in the amount of \$208,687.50. The grant is also covering engineering costs.

The goal of this project is to help to stop erosion that is happening in these ravines and to reduce sediment flowing into Lake Minnewaska. Another benefit of the project is that it will help with flood reduction in the city. The city also sealed abandoned wells in the ravines.

This project is another example of work that was identified in a modeling effort of the city completed in 2015. This modeling identified other potential project areas around Glenwood that will continue to be a focus for future work.



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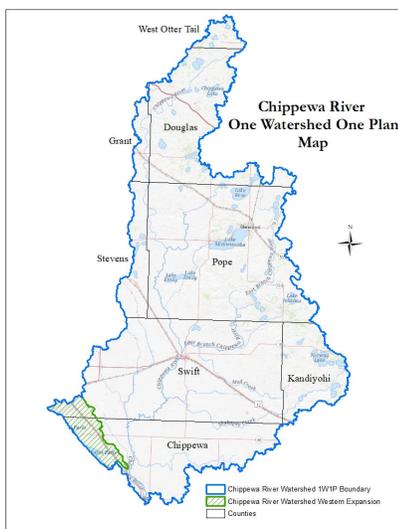
It's Time to Think About Spring Plantings!



Pope SWCD has released the 2022 Sales Program pricing. It is important to plan early to ensure availability of tree and shrub varieties for your conservation project. **It is especially important this year due to availability concerns.** Orders placed now till December 10th will receive a 10% discount on the trees and shrubs.

Call our office today to visit with Kelly to start designing your tree practice. He will conduct a site visit to assist you in determine which varieties are best suited for your site. Call 320-634-5327 and ask for Kelly. Our order form can also be accessed on our website at www.popeswcd.org.

Chippewa River Watershed Association embarks on Planning Effort



West Otter Tail, Grant, Douglas, Stevens, Pope, Swift, Kandiyohi, and Chippewa Counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts will embark on planning effort in 2022. These Counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts make up the Chippewa River Watershed Association. The group has been working for the last couple of years on reorganization.

This group was successful in attaining a grant through the Board of Water and Soil Resources to complete a One Watershed One Plan. This group has begun developing a comprehensive watershed management plan starting in early 2022. This plan will guide the implementation efforts across the watershed and serve as a financial resource to complete projects.

For more information on Chippewa River Watershed Association work give us a call at 320-634-5327.

UPDATES FROM THE FEEDLOT OFFICER



Pope County is currently re-registering our active feedlots and look to complete the process by January 1, 2022. We sent a general mailing to many of our producers and have completed the process of entry into our data base for most of the feedlots. The State requires the delegated counties to re-register feedlots on a four year cycle and many that were completed in the last two years were done by phone with no further action required. Some feedlots have gone through ownership changes and needed general updating and we are making contact now to complete those. Feel free to contact the feedlot number at the Land & Resource Management Office at 320-634-7793 and leave a message if we're not here. Registrations can be changed or updated at any time and if your status is currently inactive and may resume just let us know. The office will assist with any feedlot planning or permitting. Jessica Hill

assists with feedlot registrations and does the entries into the State Database. You can contact her anytime at Jessica.hill@co.pope.mn.us with any questions regarding your registration or myself at barry.bouwman@co.pope.mn.us for assistance with any feedlot questions.

We have resources available through our partnership with SWCD/NRCS regarding pasture operations and grazing plans along with a technical service providers to help plan expansions, compliance work, projects to improve an old feedlot that needs to be updated and any required permits.

Manure is being recognized as a valuable nutrient and with commercial fertilizer prices climbing we have more inquiries about field stockpiling and where to access manure that may be available. Our Ag BMP program has been used to finance manure spreaders at 3% loans and this money is from a revolving account and is used as it becomes available. We used our available money in 2021 and will monitor funds for the 2022 season. Call us this winter and keep us posted on potential plans. Don't forget about the Conservation Security Program (CSP) as it may tie into a manure management plan for your farm and provide per acre payments. NRCS can give you the information on that. Keep in touch.

**2022 NRCS EQIP Program Deadline is
November 19th, 2021**

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Important Dates

Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7am.

The public is welcome to join us.

November 16	Board Meeting
December 21	Board Meeting
January 18	Board Meeting
February 15	Board Meeting



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