

POPE SOIL & WATER



General Information

- Unused and abandoned wells have potential health risks and can directly effect your clean water supply.
- Examples of unused wells could be open hole wells, driven wells, or drilled wells.
- The current goal is to seal up 150 unused and abandoned wells per year, with 20 being targeted to areas with a high nitrogen infiltration risk.
- There are an estimated quarter million unused wells in Minnesota

Funding for this effort in the North Fork Crow River Watershed is a priority in the North Fork Crow One Watershed One Plan Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan 2018-2028. For more information on this program visit our website at www.popeswcd.org.

Well Sealing



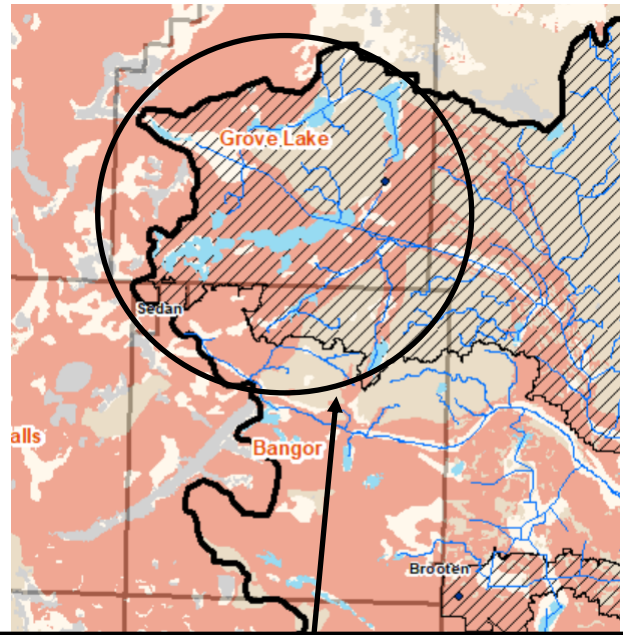
Well Sealing Program

- Cost-share assistance is available to landowners to help with sealing abandoned wells. Owners of the privately owned abandoned wells in the County can apply for cost share.
- The first step is to contact the SWCD Office and to obtain an application form and set a site visit appointment.
- Landowner would be responsible for finding a licensed well sealing contractor to do all necessary work.
- All work must be done according to the Minnesota well code.
- After work is completed, proper documentation should be sent to Pope SWCD. Reimbursement then will be sent to landowner.

Applying for Cost Share

Assistance

- 1) Contact Pope SWCD to obtain an application form and determine eligibility.
- 2) If eligible, complete cost share application and return to Pope SWCD. A cost estimate will be required from a licensed well driller as part of the application. Obtain an application from our office by calling 320-634-5327.
- 3) Wells will be given a priority ranking according to information provided.
- 4) Applications that are approved will need to sign a cost share contract.
- 5) Owners will be responsible for covering the entirety of the well sealing cost.
- 6) After completion of work, a copy of the abandoned well record and an itemized bill should be provided to the SWCD. The SWCD will then reimburse the landowner for the amount agreed to in the cost share contract.
- 7) Note: **Applicants who seal wells prior to receiving a signed contract from the SWCD office will lose their eligibility for cost share.**



North Fork Crow River Watershed target area in Pope County shown in hatched area. If you are located in the dark peach area there is potential for 100% cost share not to exceed \$2,500 and in the light peach area cost share would be 75% not to exceed \$500 per well.



Picture Source: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/>

Additional Information

For additional information and the importance of this program please visit these sites:

www.health.state.mn.us/wells

www.cdc.gov

www.popeswcd.org

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