



Minnesota Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils 2018 Annual Report

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2018 Projects Summary

2018 was a busy year for the Minnesota Association of RC&D Councils. We are featuring three of our successes as examples of how we work with partners to improve Minnesota's resources.

Hosting the National Association of RC&D Councils Biannual Meeting. MARC&D coordinated and hosted the 2018 NARC&DC Conference in Minneapolis, MN on September 22-26th. With over 120 leaders from all over the U.S. including Hawaii, New Hampshire, Florida, and Alabama, the three day conference was a success by all measures.

3rd Party Administrator for the Enbridge Ecofootprint Grant Program. MARC&D is proud to partner in the Enbridge Ecofootprint Grant Program. The program provided over 3 million dollars in project funds to help protect and restore the natural environment.

Communities in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin along the Line 3 Replacement Project participated in the program. Forty-four projects were funded to address water quality concerns, environmental issues of local concern and research. Grant recipients included Soil and Water Conservation Districts, cities, nonprofit organizations, universities, and local units of government. The average grant amount was \$69,230.

MN Women's Woodland Network. MARC&D administratively supported the Minnesota Women's Woodland Network (MNWWN) over the past four years. The MNWWN recognizes and works to enhance the role of women in woodland management throughout the State. MARC&D serves as a fiscal agent for projects that complement our program objectives. In this case we provided financial services, assisted with planning efforts and provided insurance.



Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance
MARC&D was pleased to serve as the fiscal sponsor for the MN Women's Woodland Network for the past several years. They conducted numerous training events for women forest owners.



Aitkin Co. Lakeshore Protection
42 Projects were administered by MARC&D for the Enbridge Ecofootprint Grant Program. This lakeshore protection work is a sample of many excellent projects completed.

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GIZIIBII RC&D: 2018 projects of Giziibii RC&D included assistance to the Paul Bunyan Heartland ATV Trail and completion of an environmental education project. <http://www.gizrcd.org/>



HIAWATHA VALLEY RC&D
Hiawatha Valley RC&D projects include grazing to control invasive plants, exploring expansion of water quality information program and watershed assistance.

ECOFOOTPRINT GRANT FUNDS

\$1,385,000

45% to SWCD's

For water quality and habitat improvement

\$701,440

23% to Nonprofits

For habitat easements and water quality

\$640,000

21% Local Gov't

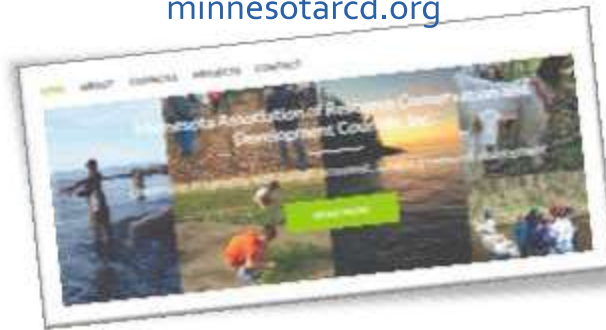
For water quality and local environmental concerns

\$319,600

11% Universities

For environmental research and student experience in environmental learning

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Check out our website

to learn more of what MARC&D is accomplishing and how to reach us to discuss partnering on projects with services including:

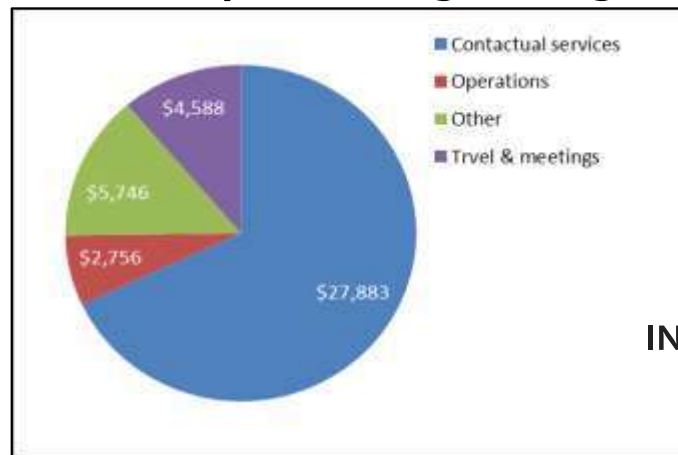
- Fiscal Agent and Management
- Grant writing and Administration
- Organizational Development
- Conference Hosting



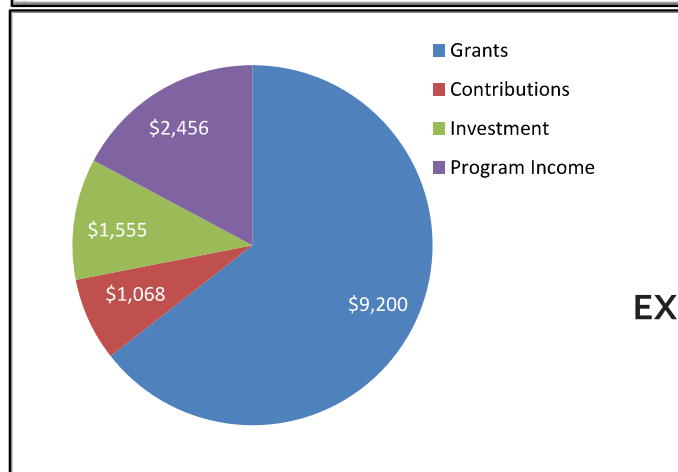
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River Restoration 2018, Protecting & Restoring Rivers in the Face of Uncertainty was a major event for 2018 <http://www.lrcd.org/>

2018 Operating Budget



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