



## Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Project Lower Mississippi River Feedlot Management in Minnesota

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### Project Description:

The Lower Mississippi River Feedlot Management in Minnesota project will be leveraging State funding from BWSR to provide match for a United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) project. BWSR will provide technical and financial assistance to plan and design projects to mitigate feedlot runoff from smaller\* open lot feedlots in southeastern Minnesota. BWSR will dedicate \$260,000 per year of General Fund appropriations for 5 years, subject to availability, to provide both financial and technical assistance, along with \$300,000 in BWSR FY 2017 Clean Water Funds as financial assistance, for a total obligation of \$1.6M over the duration of the RCPP project. The BWSR funds will be granted to the Southeast Minnesota Technical Support Joint Powers Board (JPB), which is managed by Glen Roberson, Goodhue SWCD and Host Manager. USDA-NRCS will be providing \$1.6M in assistance directly to landowners for this RCPP project through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). On August 15, 2016, BWSR signed a memorandum of understanding with USDA-NRCS to implement this project over 5 years from 2016 to 2020.

