



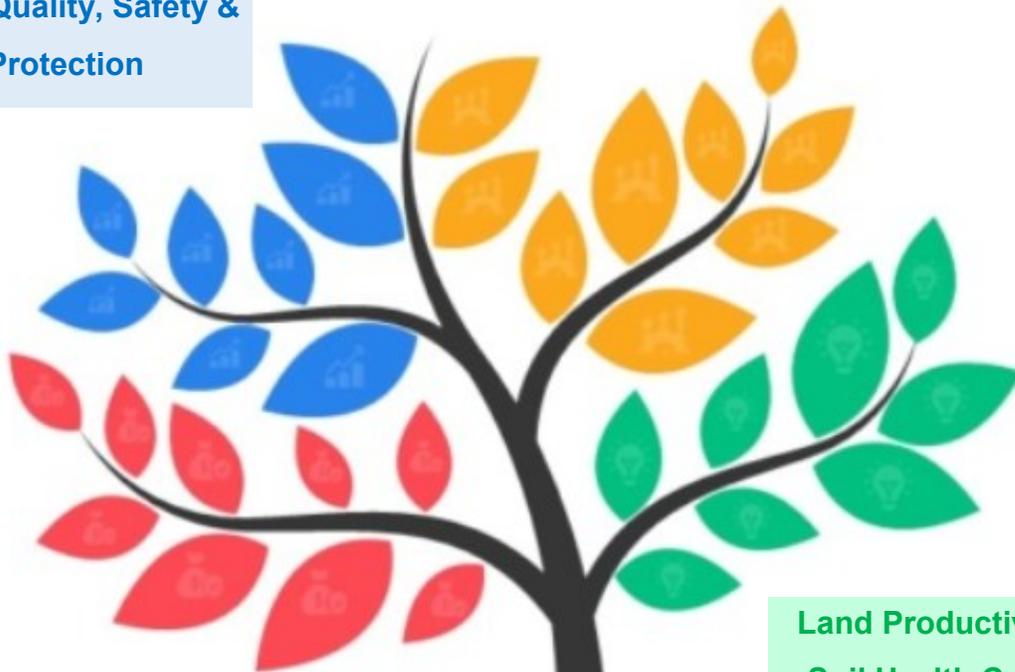
# Todd SWCD Plan of Action

## 2026 Objective: Growing Community Connections in Natural Resource Resiliency and Land-use Protection

“Top Four” Focus Areas for 2026:

Innovative Farm Technologies & Alternative Energy Source Impacts

Water Quality, Safety & Protection



Land Productivity through Soil Health Conservation

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Supervisory Leadership

Inclusion

Information Services

Rooted in the four ethical “Principles of Operation”

## Supervisory Leadership Action Goals for 2026

- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors will be available and present to hear and monitor community concerns and actions regarding water quality safety and protection, to provide feedback and information on innovative farm technologies and alternative energy Impacts, soil health conditions, and nutrient management efforts.
- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors will direct citizens to Todd SWCD technical services to assist in developing practical on-the-ground- solutions to natural resource and land-use protection inquiries.
- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors will develop policies for transparent, common sense and efficient management of grant fund sources and programs.
- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors will support and staff highly trained, responsive technicians and office employees with excellent customer service skills.
- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors will represent the SWCD at public education events when called to do so and as available.
- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors will attend monthly Board meetings, committee meetings, and training events to stay abreast on natural resource progress, practices, and changes.
- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors are proponents of community education, outreach, and events and will urge the continued hosting of such events and information services.
- ◆ Todd SWCD Supervisors are committed to working with voluntary landowners and attest to no regulatory action involvement.

## Information Services Action Goals for 2026 Goals

### Water Quality, Safety & Protection:

- ◇ The Todd SWCD Annual Report and Newsletter will be published and distributed in early spring of 2026 with a host of information and articles on protecting water quality and the accomplishments made to date.
- ◇ Todd SWCD staff will be available to attend and present information at Lake Association gatherings, especially but not limited to Big Swan Lake (the Phosphorus Reduction Grant work plan) and those lakes who have landowners certified in the E.A.R.T.H. shoreland protection program. All other presentations will be accommodated per request.
- ◇ Todd County Feedlot staff will host the Annual Feedlot Meeting & Producer Appreciation in March. This event is open to all farmers in Todd County and adjoining counties through the One Watershed, One Plan initiatives.
- ◇ Todd SWCD staff will continue to hold free water testing nitrate clinics, provide test kits and free drinking water testing services throughout the year in conjunction with RMB Labs, Health & Human Services, and Planning & Zoning
- ◇ Todd SWCD staff and NRCS will host the Annual "Trek thru Todd" Local Work Group bus tour which is free to community members. The bus will tour Sauk River Watershed to view completed water quality projects, projects in progress, and view several natural resource "gems" and land use concerns in the area.
- ◇ Todd County Riparian staff will send informational letters on the status of buffer compliance to those landowners in the NW portion of Todd County who own or manage cropland that borders public water .
- ◇ Todd County WCA staff will conduct site assessments per request of landowners, concerned citizens, or the DNR regarding any actions that could corroborate wetland destabilization.
- ◇ Todd SWCD will send out flyers, tree species information, and host its annual tree sale in the Spring of 2026 with a forestry expert leading activities and tree planting presentations. The more trees, the better our water quality!

### Innovative Farm Technologies and Alternative Energy Impacts:

- ◇ Todd SWCD staff will provide input as requested to the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Commissioners, cities, and townships as technology or alternative energy inquiries emerge.
- ◇ Todd SWCD staff will continue to promote the RCPP irrigation upgrade grant and the Department of Ag cost-share, grant, and loan opportunities for innovative farm technology proposals in 2026.

### Land Productivity through Soil Health Conservation:

- ◇ Todd SWCD Soil Health Staff will host field days and business-centered events involving pasture, and cover crop conservation activities throughout the year.
- ◇ Todd SWCD staff will host a private forestry professional get-together in spring of 2026 to update forestry professionals on cost-share opportunities for landowners and watershed goals.
- ◇ Todd SWCD staff will continue to promote land productivity and soil health, focusing on the lesser known practices of grassed waterways, contour strips, terraces, and other soil health practices on the KEYL radio show, monthly.
- ◇ The Todd SWCD staff will host the annual Envirofest event for all sixth graders across Todd County in September. Todd SWCD technicians and Supervisors present on the topic of soil health during a horse-drawn wagon wide through active farm fields, amongst 20 other learning stations at the event.

### Urban, Shoreland, and Farm Nutrient Management:

- ◇ Todd SWCD will co-host the Annual Contractor's Meeting to discuss acceptable seeding plans and native seed merchants, stormwater controls, and project certification requirements along with the Planning and Zoning office.
- ◇ The Todd SWCD Riparian Staff will conduct a minimum of ten shoreline visits through the EARTH shoreland management program to assist volunteer landowners in assessing their shoreline or urban yards for nutrient run-off. Therein lies opportunities for shoreland and urban landowners to become EARTH.
- ◇ The Todd SWCD Feedlot Team will conduct a minimum of 60 site visits with individual livestock farms to assess farm yards for nutrient runoff, concentrating in these corner of the county.
- ◇ The Todd SWCD Nutrient Management Specialist is available to help farmers, residential and shoreland owners develop nutrient management plans for their properties, free of charge in 2026.
- ◇ The Todd SWCD Soil Health Practitioner is available to assist farmers in becoming Ag Water Quality certified.
- ◇ Postcards will be sent out throughout the five major watersheds regarding the benefits and importance of sealing old abandoned wells to prevent nutrients from entering groundwater. Cost-share is available for well sealings.
- ◇ The EARTH Shoreland Guide will be published next spring to assist urban and shoreland owners in land use decisions with nutrient management impacts.

### Inclusion Action Goals for 2026:

- ◆ SWCD staff will be working with Todd County on formatting documents and website content for easier access by individuals with sight and hearing challenges.
- ◆ Todd SWCD, in partnership with Douglas, Morrison, Wadena, and East Otter Tail SWCDs will be printing a Hispanic version of the Long Prairie Watershed Plan to distribute to libraries, schools, and other businesses in the county to be more inclusive in the concerns, practices and cost-share opportunities available to citizens in the county regarding natural resource resiliency and land use protections.

### Fiscal Accountability Action Goals for 2026

- ◇ Todd SWCD will work collaboratively with landowners, agency partners, townships, cities, and businesses to seek and provide grants and other financial resources to the citizens of Todd County for natural resource and land-use protection.
- ◇ Todd SWCD provides financial reports in its Annual Report/Newsletter published each spring, presents to Todd County Commissioners, and posts all grant financial reports, as required, on the SWCD website.
- ◇ Todd SWCD hosts public monthly meetings at which all financial transactions, beginning balances and end balances are disclosed.
- ◇ All Todd SWCD staff report their activities on a half hour basis for each work day of the year.
- ◇ Todd SWCD has annual Audits by a professional audit company, and grant reconciliation audits by the Board of Soil & Water Resources. The results of these audits are public information.