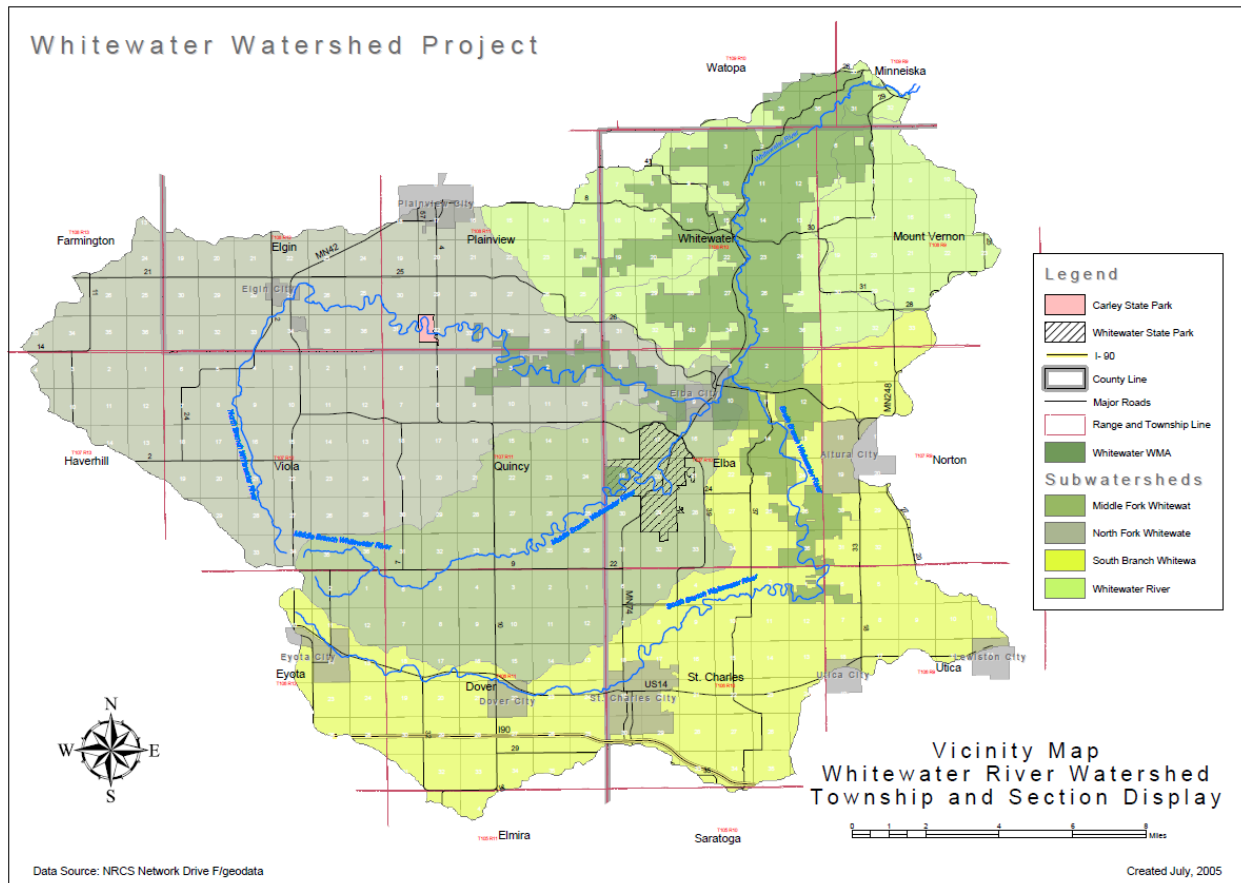


Whitewater Watershed Project has cost share for drinking water practices

Residents of the Whitewater River Watershed are eligible for cost share for various projects that can help protect local drinking water.

Whitewater River Watershed



Available cost share details:

- **Septic system repair/replacement of failing systems**
 - Is liquid sewage from your septic system surfacing in your yard? Your septic system may need to be replaced or repaired.
 - Eligibility: Must meet USDA Rural Development low-incomes thresholds (for four-person household).
 - Olmsted County thresholds – Adjusted income of \$89,200
 - Wabasha County thresholds – Adjusted income of \$71,500
 - Winona County thresholds – Adjusted income of \$69,900
 - Cost share: 75% (maximum of \$25,000)

- **Well sealing**

- Is there an abandoned well on your property? Consider sealing it to protect local drinking water.
- Cost Share: 75% (cap of \$3,000). Low-income homeowners – 85% cost share with (maximum of \$3,000)

One-Year Cover crops contracts available: Farmers in Wabasha and Winona County portions of the Whitewater Watershed are now able to apply for one-year cover crop contracts. Payment rate is \$50/acre for single species and \$60/acre for multi-species mix (up to 50 acres). Contact your Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to learn more. Wabasha County SWCD (651-565-4673) Winona County SWCD (507-523-2171)

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