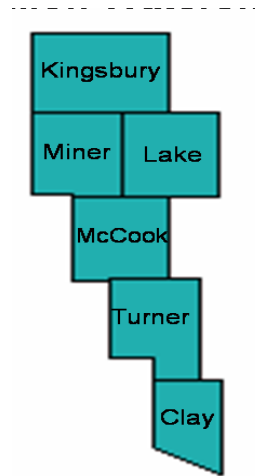


# Vermillion Watershed RC&D

## APPLICANT AREA

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### Parks and Recreation Projects

The Vermillion Watershed RC&D Applicant Area was formed in 2004 by a dedicated group committed to working regionally to improve the communities and natural resources within Kingsbury, Lake, Miner, McCook, Turner, and Clay Counties. An application to USDA for authorization as an RC&D Area is on file with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Vermillion Watershed RC&D Applicant Area received its certification as a 501c3 nonprofit organization during 2006, and has provided technical assistance to 22 community projects utilizing support from the South Dakota NRCS through their field office staff and adjoining RC&D staff. Four of the projects assisted have involved community improvements to their recreation, tourism, and parks facilities.

Assistance provided has resulted in successful planning and implementation of a hiking/walking trail, and tree plantings to improve a fairgrounds area, an athletic complex, and a County Courthouse. These efforts have involved \$40,000 in local, private, and public donations, and \$40,000 in private foundation and public grants. Non local funding has included the Larson Foundation, Community and Urban Forestry, and the Recreational Trails Program. The public facilities benefited are utilized by approximately 35,000 citizens a year, while attending the fair, playing baseball, soccer, and football, walking for exercise, walking to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, and visiting their county courthouse.

