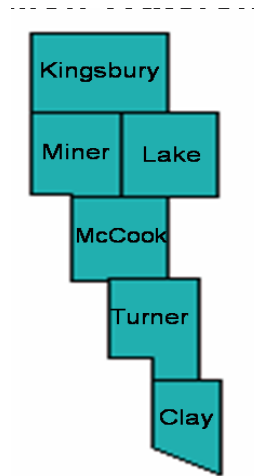


Vermillion Watershed RC&D

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Vermillion River Watershed Restoration Project

The McCook Conservation District has been awarded a \$446,000 Clean Water Grant to begin to assist landowners, in the Vermillion River Watershed, install conservation practices that reduce water pollution. This project will run through June 30, 2011, and the grant will be matched by approximately \$500,000 provided by watershed landowners and private and public organizations, and contributions from state and federal water quality and conservation programs.

The Vermillion River Watershed Project will assist landowners with livestock agricultural waste management system installation, and with improving riparian areas along the river through land use agreements, and fencing and alternative water developments for livestock grazing management.

The project for 2010 and 2011 will offer a Riparian Area Management Program that will provide land use agreements to landowners, to complement the Conservation Reserve Program and the Wetland Reserve Program in riparian areas.



The Vermillion River watershed has a surface area of approximately 1.43 million acres, covering portions of 14 eastern South Dakota counties. The basin is about 150 miles north to south, and varies in width from 12 miles in the north to 36 in the south. The Vermillion River Watershed RC&D Applicant Area includes the six counties that the Vermillion River flows through, and most of the project watershed area. The RC&D Council provided technical assistance to the watershed partners and project sponsor, to develop the project plan and the grant applications to secure the project implementation funds.

