

Resolution 2018-02
Groundwater Protection

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has recently published a proposed groundwater water protection rule, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the rule is to minimize potential fertilizer sources of nitrate pollution to our State's groundwater and to protect our drinking water, and

WHEREAS, nitrate is one of our most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater and Dakota County has a substantial amount of soil types vulnerable to groundwater contamination, and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board finds it is in the public's interest to obtain and commit resources for promoting and implementing best management practices that reduce threats to our drinking water supply and provide for a safe and healthy environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District supports the implementation of voluntary conservation practices that protect and restore groundwater quality in all vulnerable groundwater areas and not just within municipal drinking water supply management areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to actively seeking funding opportunities in partnership with landowners, Federal and State agencies, Dakota County and other local units of government and partner organizations, to reduce the levels of nitrate found in groundwater; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to working with landowners to assess opportunities for implementing best management practices that improve our groundwater quality.

Adopted by motion at the July 5, 2018 Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Districts Board of Supervisors Meeting.