2018 Training

**Technician:**

Technician training this year involved: GIS, Soil Health, BWSR Grant Training, basic Forestry, Cover Crops, Waterway, Water & Sediment Control Basins and various topics at BWSR Academy. The highlight for training was attending the NRCS Boot Camp over a three-week period, learning a variety on Conservation Planning. Various topics covered included pasture inventory, stream habitat assessment, forestry, soil health and analyzing resource concerns.

2018 - Education/Outreach:

This year’s education/outreach activities included a Conservation Newsletter, a Soil Health Workshop, the County Fair (testing well nitrates) and a Public Forum for an Ann Lake Treatment. All staff were involved (tech, manager, intern & adm.) in preparation, outreach and hosting the various outreach activities. Our 2018 county-wide Newsletter reached 5579 households in 2/18 and our 2019 Newsletter is reaching 6488 households in 1/19. A wide variety of topics are covered in the Newsletter, such as buffer updates, promoting lakeshore restoration, forestry planning, soil health and well nitrate testing. We also hosted a Soil Health Workshop at two producer locations 10/24/18 with 26 people in attendance. This event included the rain simulator and a producer forum to share soil health experiences. There was also a multi-county Soil Health Café Chat hosted 3/20/18 with about 22 people in attendance, sharing soil health resources and experiences. The Public Forum on an Ann Lake Treatment was held 8/10/18 with 25 people. The event was the best I’ve seen in my career regarding a great question and answer discussion session.