

Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Townships and Cities,

The Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has partnered with the Minnesota Well Owners Organization (MNWOO) and the Minnesota Ground Water Association (MGWA) to provide a **FREE** nitrate and chloride screening clinic for private well owners in Stearns County. There are roughly 20,000 well owners in Stearns County. This is a big task and we need your help.

The event will likely take place on **September 9th** at the St. Joseph Township hall. We are reaching out to the Townships and Cities in Stearns County and asking for assistance in getting the word out to your residents about the event so they can get their drinking water tested for <u>FREE</u>. Here is what we are asking Townships and Cities to consider doing to help:

- 1. Cover the postage costs for mailing a post card (about 56 cents each household) to your residents informing them of the **FREE** well screening event (testing for nitrates and chlorides). Mailing would go out to your residents a couple weeks before the event.
- 2. Promote the event through any newsletter, website, social media outlet or any other means that your Township has available. We would supply the event materials to be used.
- 3. We have found a host site for the event this year. Would your Township/City be interested in being the host site for this type of event in the future?

Please go to <u>https://www.stearnscountyswcd.net/welltest</u> and complete the survey to let us know by **August 1** if your Township/City is willing to support any of the activities mentioned above. If you feel it would be beneficial for discussion of the event at your July board or city council meeting, please let me know.

Anything the Township/City can do to assist us would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at 320-293-6498 or by email at <u>wayne.cymbaluk@mn.nacdnet.net</u>. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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