



Get Involved

We provide a way for people to work together within the region to plan and carry out activities that will make the area a better place to live.



We believe that local people play an important role in identifying needs and creating solutions for their communities and rural areas. We gather input from area residents to help determine the most important and valuable projects for the region.

The Vermillion Watershed RC&D is committed to helping people lead their communities at the grassroots level.



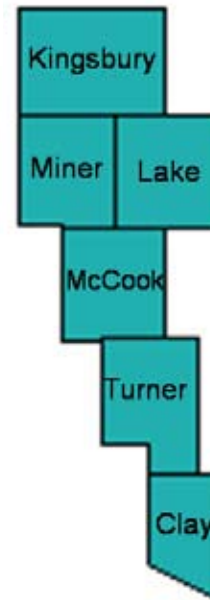
Just the Facts

The Vermillion Watershed RC&D Area

- consists of Clay, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, Miner and Turner Counties in southeast South Dakota.
- includes 34 cities and towns.
- is bordered on the south by Nebraska.
- is a total of 2,320,244 acres.
- is home to 48,193 people; 63 percent of residents live in cities and towns; 37 percent live on farms and rural acreages.



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Vermillion Watershed Resource Conservation & Development



Serving the Counties of Clay, Lake, Kingsbury, McCook, Miner and Turner in southeast South Dakota



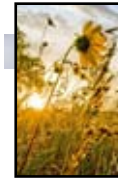
About Us

The Vermillion Watershed Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) was formed in 2004 by a group of individuals dedicated to improving environmental, economic, and social conditions within Clay, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, Miner and Turner Counties in southeast South Dakota. We provide assistance to many projects related to community development, land conservation, land management and water management.



Our Mission

To conserve, develop, and wisely utilize the natural and human resources within the six counties, and thereby improve the social, economic and environmental resources of the area.



Our Projects

The Vermillion Watershed RC&D dedicates resources to numerous projects and partnerships that positively impact the quality of life in the region.

- Vermillion Watershed Clean Water Project
- Informational workshops on farm energy and grassland management
- Forestry projects for cities and farm shelterbelts
- Clean water projects for Lake Thompson and the Lower Big Sioux
- Enterprise facilitation to create, retain and/or expand businesses



Our Goals

Goal A

Conservation, improvement, and maintenance of natural resources to ensure productive soils, clean water, and a quality environment.

- Assist in the improvement and maintenance of land, water and air quality through natural resource management that is profitable and sustainable.

Goal B

Development and sustainable use of natural resources to create and maintain quality jobs and sustainable communities.

- Increase value-added agricultural activities (e.g. ethanol, direct marketing, farm diversification, livestock production).
- Improve transportation and transmission capabilities and infrastructure in the area for agricultural products and wind energy.
- Improve access to communication and business technologies such as high speed internet.
- Preserve the current positive business climate of high quality workers, low business taxes, and financial/technical assistance.

Goal C

Preservation of the high quality of life in the Vermillion Watershed region.

- Create a positive attitude in communities that leads to community action, and cooperation between communities and community organizations.