**Laura DeBeer, Water Resources Specialist for Pipestone County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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My primary responsibilities in this project will be to manage project funds, and coordinate communication between USGS personnel, water suppliers working with the project, and the landowners who have property where sampling will occur. In my capacity as a Water Resources Specialist, I have successfully managed and completed many grant-funded projects focused on water resource management. These projects were funded by entities and programs including the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Clean Water Legacy program, and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s Nitrate Township Testing Program. The primary purpose of my current position with Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote nutrient management strategies to improve water quality. This is accomplished by coordinating producers and water suppliers and preparing and organizing educational events and meetings.

**Organization description:**

Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District promotes conservation of natural resources through education, technical assistance, and stewardship. Through a partnership with area Water Suppliers, the Soil and Water District works to intentionally promote best management practices and alternate management strategies to producers within wellhead protection areas. Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District manages local, state and federal grants for the purpose of protecting and enhancing our land and water resources. Find Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District at our webpage at [www.pipestoneswcd.org](http://www.pipestoneswcd.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pipestoneswcd/](http://www.facebook.com/pipestoneswcd/).