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Minnesota Office for Soil Health

Building Common Ground for Water Quality and Agricultural Production

The Minnesota Office for Soil Health's mission is to improve soil resources and water quality by developing the knowledge, skills and abilities of local government staff and agriculture professionals to more effectively promote sustainable soil and land management.

MOSH is uniquely positioned to convene soil health stakeholders from agriculture, private industry, state and local agencies, research, and education, and to provide a central clearinghouse for information, events, and research-based guidance. Guiding principles include promoting voluntary soil health practices by farmers, designing projects specific to the diverse landscapes of Minnesota, and engaging all people and organizations who work with and on the land. MOSH is funded by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and the University of Minnesota Water Resources Center and Agricultural Experiment Station funds.

MOSH Objectives

- **Build the local knowledge base** by providing technical training for agriculture and conservation professionals
- **Coordinate applied research** investigating how Minnesota's unique soils and agroecosystems respond to soil health management systems, and the management and economic implications
- Strengthen networks for sharing information and discussing solutions
- Highlight water quality benefits of soil health management systems
- Help producers sustain profitable farm businesses through soil stewardship

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