



celebrating 60 Years of Service

Cass County SCD mission statement: *“To inform, educate and provide leadership in conservation and stewardship of soil, water and related natural resources.”*

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SCD Price list for 2009

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| Trees & Shrubs | |
| -machine plant | \$22/100' |
| -hand plants: | |
| conservation grade | \$1.00 |
| tall stock | \$4.00 |
| Weed barrier | \$45/100' |
| Tubex: | |
| -2' w/stake | \$2.50 |
| -4' w/stake | \$5.00 |
| PlantSkydd, 1lb | \$18.00 |
| Casoron | \$10.00/100' |
| Grass Seeding | \$20/acre |

Online ordering now available at:
casscd.org/catalog

Community Gardening– A Top Trend for Spring

Courtney Kastning: Urban Conservationist

The newest Spring trend in Cass County is not flowered hats or open-toed shoes; they are community gardens!

Community gardening programs have blossomed this year and are greatly enriching the mental and physical well-being of many residents in Cass County. Various churches, farms, and landowners have opened their hearts, allowing urban residents the opportunity to grow healthy, nutritious foods on regularly unused lands.

Why should you or your organization get involved? Community gardens help make healthy foods more accessible and affordable for all, help build a connection to the land and our sources of food, and improve mental and physical health. In addition, choosing to garden a plot and donating the food is a great way for your family or group to support a local family in need this season.

What is the result of a community garden? Healthier families, increased awareness of natural resource related issues, and opportunities to meet and work with new people in your community!



Want to get involved volunteering in a community garden that serves residents of Cass County?

Olivet Community Church Refugee Community Garden

Starting in 2006, Olivet's Refugee program has helped supply over 10 refugee families with garden produce. Each refugee family has their own individual plot. The Olivet garden uses no chemicals or commercial fertilizers and the majority of the seeds are heirlooms.

To get involved contact:

Olivet Lutheran Church at (701) 235-6603 or www.olivet.org

Check out their blog at <http://www.olivetgarden.blogspot.com/>

TNT Kids Fitness Gardening Program

A community garden created and maintained entirely by children participating in summer camp, with an additional emphasis on a service learning component for youth in our community. Children enrolled in this program will also benefit from first hand experience in making smart health and fitness choices a part of their lifestyle.

To inquire about volunteer opportunities, or to get your kids involved, contact TNT Kids Fitness at, (701) 365-8868

Want to have your own plot at a local community garden?

The Probstfield Organic Community Garden

Visit their website for information at,

<http://probstfieldfarm.org/>

Yunker Farms Community Garden Plots

For more information call (701) 232-6102

<http://www.childrensmuseum-yunker.org/>

These are just a few listings of community garden program in the County, if you would like more information on community gardens contact Urban Conservationist, Courtney Kastning at courtney.kastning@nd.nacdnet.net

Ladies Ag Night

Amy Cole: Office Assistant

Ladies Ag Night turned out to be an evening of delicious food and great entertainment. Our original plan was to have Ladies Ag Night on March 12th, which we needed to cancel due to the major blizzard that hit the area that week. We rescheduled to March 24th, which was very close to being cancelled also; this time due to flooding. The ladies braved the flooded roads and the impending snowstorm to get to the event which was held at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Casselton.

The audience was given an abbreviated lesson on different types of gardens which attract bees, humming birds and butterflies. Information was also presented on Living Snow Fences.

"Da" Lutheric Ladies was the night's entertainment. The show started with the frumpy Lutheric Ladies bursting into the dining area looking for a night of Bingo. They plopped themselves down and made themselves at home, all the while incorporating the audience into their act. It was fun to watch "Emma" and "Cora" shamelessly flirt with the men in the audience, enticing them with their feathered boas and alluring frocks!



Spring Events

April 22, 2009

Earth Day

April 25, 12-4pm

Valley Earth Week Celebration
& Expo

www.valleyearthweek.com

April 26-May 2, 2009

Stewardship Week

May 12 & 13, 2009

Rain Barrel Workshops

[https://
communityed.moorhead.k12.mn.us/](https://communityed.moorhead.k12.mn.us/)

April 15, 2009

Arbor Day in Fargo

see our website for more
information!

Rules for Planting Trees:

- ✓ Do not let seedling dry out.
- ✓ Transport Seedlings carefully.
- ✓ Avoid temperature extremes
- ✓ Plant Promptly
- ✓ Do not trim or prune seedling roots
- ✓ Do not wash or rinse gel from seedling roots
- ✓ Plant seedlings deeply

Conservation Method of the Season: Living snow fence

What is a living snow fence?

Living snow fences are designed planting of trees, shrubs, or grasses along roads, ditches, farmsteads, or communities that create a vegetative barrier controlling drifting or blowing snow.

Want more information about living snow fences?

Contact District Technician Tony Peterson at,

(701) 282-2157 ext.3



Extension Announced for EWP Program

Betsy Hernandez: NRCS Soil Conservationist

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) extended the sign-up period until May 1 for funding available to eligible landowners through the floodplain easement component of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP).

Landowners with agricultural lands subject to frequent flooding have an opportunity to minimize flood risks and reduce economic losses to their property. This floodplain easement requires landowners to discontinue the production of agricultural commodities.

The EWP Program's floodplain easement component allows NRCS to purchase easements on lands damaged by flooding. The restored floodplain will generate many public benefits, such as increased flood protection, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, improved water quality, and a reduced need for future public disaster assistance.

All of North Dakota's watersheds are eligible for EWP- FPE easements.

Eligible participants will compete nationally for funds, and be accepted on economic and environmental benefits per federal dollar spent. Applications will be accepted until close of business (COB) May 1, 2009. Eligible areas include low-lands that are primarily cropland, grazing land, hay land, or forest land next to a river or watercourse that is subject to repeated flood damage. Eligible areas may pay up to 100 percent of land value for a floodplain. Future development will be restricted on all easements, and in no case will participants be eligible for future federal flood disaster assistance on the easement property.

If you need more information on the EWP program or would like to fill out an application, please stop by or contact the Fargo Field Office at

701-282-2157 x. 3.



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- *John Grove, West Fargo*
- *Ruth Lewis, Fargo*



Come and visit us at the second annual Valley Green Expo, Saturday April 25, 2009. Learn about resources, services, and products that promote healthier, more ecologically sound lifestyles and ways you can take responsibility for a clean and healthy environment!



April 25, 2009 • 12:00-4:00pm

Southwest FM Youth Hockey Arena

4404 23rd Avenue SW, Fargo