











**Project Manager Qualifications****Project Manager: Steve Woods, Assistant Director, BWSR**

Steve Woods has 24 years of management, planning, design, and construction experience obtained with private and public sector organizations spanning the Upper Midwest. Strong leadership, inter-governmental, and technical skills are all leveraged in current position as one of two Assistant Directors at the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

**Education:** Bachelor Agricultural Engineering, University of Minnesota  
Masters of Public Administration, Hamline University

Licensed Professional Civil Engineer  
MN Supreme Court list of approved ADR neutrals

**Experience:****Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Assistant Director 1999—Present**

As Assistant Director for Statewide Operations, directly supervise three regional supervisors and the agency's performance review coordinator. The 37 regional employees are located in seven field offices and provide financial, technical, and administrative support to a network of 91 soil and water conservation districts, 47 watershed districts, 87 counties, and over 300 wetland regulatory jurisdictions. Responsible for seeing that policies issued from St. Paul reflect the perspectives of the entire state and our stakeholders. This requires travel to field offices, meeting with local governments, and frequent interaction at regional and state association functions.

**Montgomery Watson Harza, Inc., Supervising Professional 1987—1999**

Served as Office Manager for two years and long-term Manager of the Water Resources Division of this international environmental consulting and design firm's Great Lakes Office. Responsible for managing a variety of hydrologic and environmental restoration projects across the Upper Midwest for on-time and on-schedule completion.

Clients represented a diverse array of hydrologic regimes, environmental goals, and financial structures. Project work included lake restoration, bioengineering, floodplain management, construction management, stream restoration, monitoring, watershed modeling, public outreach, invasive species control, and wetland restoration. Work with local watershed boards led to development of watershed management strategies for 30% of the 7-county Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan area.

**Organization Description:** MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will serve as the lead state agency for this grant. The BWSR has a strong connection with SWCDs and their implementation role in soil and water conservation. We intend to use existing financial and administrative processes to provide oversight.

**Minnesota Conservation Corps:** Len Price, Executive Director, provides overall leadership and strategic direction. As a former teacher (34 years) and state legislator (20 years), Len's strengths are his public relations skills, knowledge of government agency operations and numerous contacts at all levels of government. He served on the Minnesota Conservation Corps board of directors during its transition from a state agency to nonprofit, and joined the organization as Executive Director in 2005. Len currently serves on the boards of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and the Corps Network, a national association of conservation corps.