The Minnesota Legislature approved the State Cost Share Program in 1977 (MS s 103C.501). Olmsted SWCD provides “financial and technical assistance to land occupiers for application of conservation practices that reduce soil erosion, control sedimentation, or improve and protect water quality to ensure the sustainable use of Minnesota’s natural resources.”¹ Locally, landowners may apply for cost share dollars to establish conservation practices. The cost share dollars available can not exceed 75% of the eligible established practice cost as adopted by the Olmsted SWCD Board. Each approved and implemented conservation contract has a ten year maintenance life the landowner is required to meet.

¹ Minnesota Board of Soil and Water - www.bwsr.state.mn.us