



## Spring 2025 Newsletter

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### Spring Into Sustainability: Green Growth in Kandiyohi County

Water Resource Grants | Local Solar Project | Earth Day Events |  
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center Preschool Update

Welcome to the spring edition of the KCED newsletter! As the season of renewal unfolds, we're embracing a "green" theme—delivering updates on projects and initiatives that foster sustainable economic growth in our community.

This edition showcases significant investments in water resource infrastructure, exciting updates from the Prairie Woods ELC Nature Preschool, advancements in solar energy in small-town New London, and upcoming Earth Day events. It's filled with news on "earthly economics" that support both our environment and local economy.

Join us as we celebrate a season of growth, sustainability, and progress!



#### Investing in Local Water Resource Infrastructure Projects

In 2024, two cities in the county and Kandiyohi County itself received funding for water resource infrastructure projects from the State of Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. Dive into the projects, funding and summaries below.

[Atwater - read a project summary here](#)

[North Side Sanitary Sewer Replacement](#)

\$3,487,059 - Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF)

[North Side Watermain Replacement](#)

\$4,362,602 - Drinking Water SRF Loan

Water Treatment Plant & Well Improvement Project

\$3,000,000 - Drinking Water SRF Emerging Contaminant Grant

\$2,300,000 - Drinking Water SRF Hardship Grant

\$600,000 - Drinking Water SRF Loan

Lake Lillian - [read more about the project here](#)

[Infrastructure awarded March 2024](#)

\$2,620,000 - Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) match

\$3,124,000 - USDA-RD Grant

\$676,000 - USDA-RD Loan

Total = \$6,420,000

[Infrastructure Improvement awarded October 2024](#)

\$3,999,000 - Special Appropriations Program (SPAP)

\$200,000 - Local contribution

\$600,000 - Small Cities Development Grant/Infrastructure Improvements

Total = \$4,799,000

Kandiyohi County - [read project summary here](#)

*(pictured above)*

[Waste Water Treatment Facility Rehab \(Phase 2\) provided to Glacial Lakes Sanitary Sewer and Water District](#)

\$6,901,809 - Point Source Implementation Grant

\$15,461,096 - Clean Water SRF Loan

Total = \$22,362,905



Small Town, Big Sun:  
Solar in New London

[Read the story from Clean Energy Resource Teams \(CERTS\)](#)



Earth Day Events in  
West Central Minnesota

Discover [upcoming events](#) in Kandiyohi County and throughout west central and southern Minnesota!

**Growing Green Minds:  
The Benefits of Environmental  
Preschool Education**

Over the past two years, the PWELC Nature

Preschool received partial funding through investments from the Child Care Economic Development Grant, provided by Minnesota's Department of Employment and Economic Development, along with support from Kandiyohi County. These grants have played a key role in supporting the growth and development of the new nature preschool.

After a dedicated effort to prepare the building and secure licensing approval for the child care center, the preschool is now officially in operation. To learn more about the impact of this new service, KCED sat down with Nature Preschool Director, Hannah Stelley, to get her insights on how things are going.

[Read the full story](#)



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