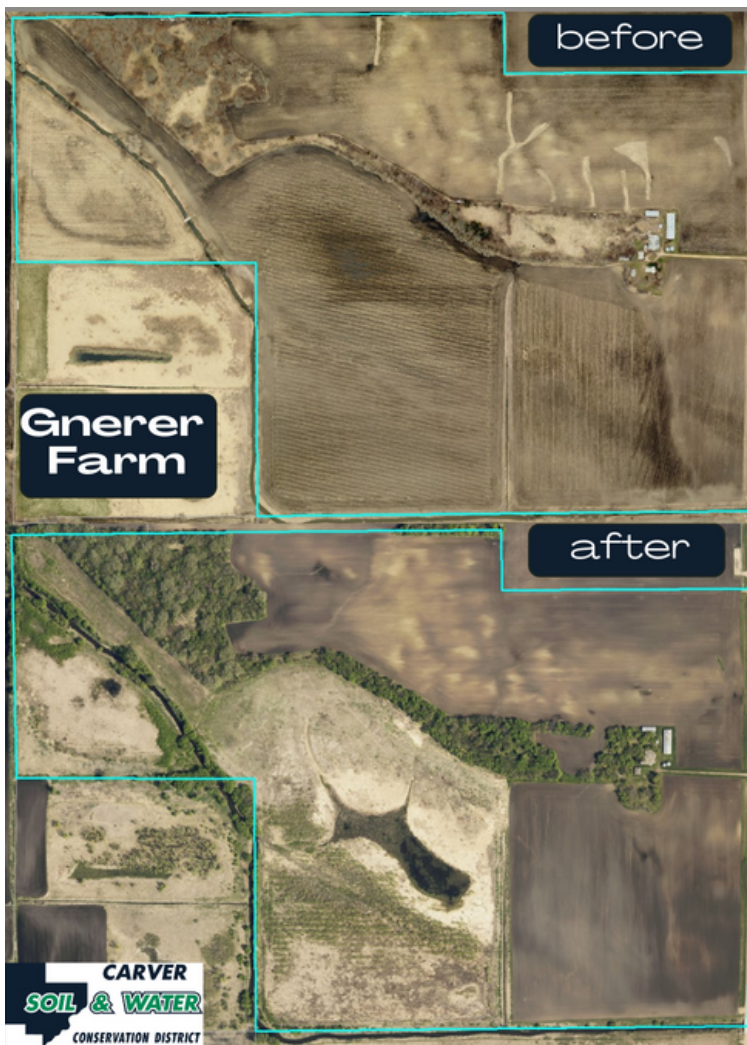


GNERER FARM

2023 Outstanding Conservationist

The Carver Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) board of supervisors is pleased to announce the Gnerer Farm in Cologne has been selected as the 2023 outstanding conservationist. The Gnerer family has been a partner with the SWCD since Ed, Cheri's father, first purchased his dairy farm in 1960.



Cheri contacted the SWCD in 2017, to inquire about protecting the family's 193-acre farmstead. She has incorporated upland prairie grasses, restored wetlands, and installed filter strips along Bevens Creek. Cheri enrolled 64-acres of riparian land that was flood prone, into the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). An additional 16-acres were enrolled into CRP to further protect sensitive lands adjacent to Bevens Creek. Cheri's stewardship and conservation ethic will protect and improve water quality for many years to come. Congratulations Gnerer Farm for your conservation efforts!