



Nine Mile Creek Stabilization and Habitat Restoration



Clean Water Funds: 2010

Clean Water Grant	\$136,000
Leveraged Funds*	\$2,000,000
Total Project Budget	\$2,136,000

* Leveraged Funds include required 25% local match

Targeted Water:
Nine Mile Creek

Project Sponsor:
Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

Partners:
City of Hopkins, Hennepin County

Grant Period:
January 2010 - December 2011

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Project Narrative

The Nine Mile Creek watershed is a highly developed, urbanized watershed located in southern Hennepin County. The natural infiltration capacity of soils in the watershed has been diminished by significant coverage with hard surfaces such as streets, parking lots, and buildings. This leads to more rainfall making its way more quickly to Nine Mile Creek.

As a result, Nine Mile Creek has experienced stream bank erosion and in-stream habitat loss due to increases in storm water runoff resulting in the creek to be listed on the State of Minnesota impaired waters list for biotic integrity. This means that the fish and other aquatic organisms expected to be found in a healthy creek are not present to the degree they should be. In addition to the increase in hard surfaces within the watershed, portions of Nine Mile Creek have also been channelized and straightened. This project will realign portions of Nine Mile Creek in its historical channel, restoring its meander pattern and in-stream habitat by utilizing bioengineering techniques.

