

Aitkin

Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meetings:
Third Tuesday of month at 10 a.m.*



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

- Surface water management
- Land use and development
- Ground water quality
- Fish and Wildlife habitat
- Education

2009 Revenue

Total \$253,793

Recent Projects

In 2009 we completed our project obligations for several grants including the Big Sandy Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Diagnostic Study. This project takes a comprehensive look at land use, lake nutrients, stream flows and nutrients.

We will soon be moving into the implementation phase of the TMDL. Our district serves as fiscal agent for this project and several others.

Farm Island Lake



The photo above shows a recently completed shoreland re-vegetation project with several landowners that share a small harbor on Farm Island Lake. IMPACK6 Technical Service Area staff from Mora designed and helped install a native shoreland planting to stop erosion and provide wildlife habitat.

Water Planning

In 2009 we completed the fourth generation County Water Plan. We expanded the plan by including a large lakes assessment that is a model for future lake and watershed management. The updated plan is on our SWCD website for ease of viewing.

Other Aitkin SWCD projects and duties:

1. Rivers and Lakes Fair
2. Aitkin County Fair
3. Tree sales
4. Forest Stewardship plans
5. Wetland Conservation Act
6. Forest certification
7. Water quality information
8. Lake Association presentations and assistance
9. Water Plan Coordination
10. Many other natural resource projects

Russell Ruud

A long-time Aitkin County SWCD Supervisor passed away in late 2009. Russell Ruud served for more than 30 years and was very active in regional and state committees. Russ' knowledge and experience will be greatly missed.

SWCD Staff:

Steve Hughes
Lori Nelson
Janet Smude
Dennis Thompson

Future Projects

Shallow Lake / Wild Rice Protection

An extremely rare (worldwide) resource exists in abundance in Aitkin County. Wild Rice lakes provide shallow water habitat for dozens of wildlife species. We are developing partnerships that will move forward to protect these gems before they are severely damaged by development.



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