

Brown

Soil & Water Conservation District



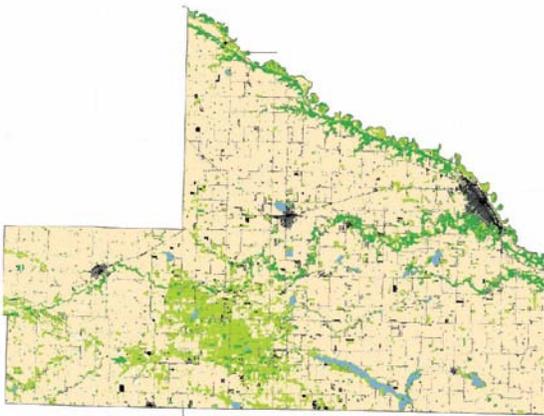
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*SWCD Board Meeting:
4th Monday of Month at 7:30 p.m.*

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Soil Erosion
2. Pesticide and Fertilizer Use
3. Septic Systems
4. Water Quality and Quantity
5. Drainage and Flooding



2008 Revenue
\$160,633

Recent Projects

The Wellner-Hageman Dam

was discussed for three decades prior to its construction in section 30 or Stately Township. The SWCD and Soil Conservation Service (NRCS) were heavily involved during this timeframe working with landowners, engineers, permitting agencies, funding sources and the public for project approval. The project was designed to provide significant flood control, water supply, recreation, tourism and economic benefits to the County. The structure is 56 feet in height and creates a pool of 69 acres with normal depth of 27 feet. Approximately 250 acres were acquired for the structure and flood pool and an additional 49 acres was purchased for the creation of Mound Creek Park. The lake has been stocked with game fish and the park has both a public beach and boat launch. It also has picnic tables, shelters, disk golf and hiking trails. The project cost approximately \$2 million and was constructed over a two-year period beginning in 1991 with completion in 1992. The project and adjoining park are a huge success still today.

The Reinvest in Minnesota

(RIM) Reserve program is offering a Riparian Buffer Easement sign-up. Easements are perpetual. Buffers must be a minimum of 50 feet wide and a maximum of 100 feet long. Buffers must be adjacent to public waters, streams, ditches, and lakes

Recent Projects



A diversion was constructed in early Fall 2009. It eliminates a large gully and will safely outlet storm water into an intermittent stream. The

landowner secured USDA EQIP funding and State Cost-Share funding for the project.

Cost-Share Projects completed by the Brown SWCD include three Grass Waterways and one Wastewater and Feedlot Runoff Control Project.

Future Projects

Clean Water Legacy: Brown SWCD along with several other SWCD's in southwestern MN have applied for a FY2010 Clean Water Legacy Grant. The money will be used to reduce sedimentation and improve water quality in the Redwood and Cottonwood River Watersheds. Practices that will be implemented include a variety of best management practices, alternative intakes, no-till incentives, and nutrient management incentives.

Projects that will be completed in 2010 include five terraces and one large Grade Stabilization Structure.

Conservation education is an important role for the SWCD. About 200 5th and 6th grade students each year enter the District's poster contest with a conservation theme. For many years each entrant received a free cherry tree, so each spring they can be seen blooming all over Brown County. Students are now presented an evergreen seedling

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