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Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meeting: 3rd Thursday of Month
at 8:30 a.m.*

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Protecting and enhancing the water quality of Carver County water bodies.
2. Working with landowners to enhance soil quality and reduce soil erosion.
3. Promoting the use of Best Management Practices in developing areas.
4. Protecting and enhancing natural areas for the enjoyment of future generations.
5. Continued coordination with partner agencies for effective natural resource management.

2008 Revenue

Charges for Services	\$38,156
County Allocation	\$431,900
Grant Funds (CWL, PCA, WCA)	\$175,619
State Funds & Grants	\$63,448
Miscellaneous/Interest	\$18,901
Federal Funds	\$2,924

Total \$730,948

Recent Projects

The Foxford Road neighborhood in Chanhassen installed a series of 6 rain gardens as well as a channel stabilization to reduce nutrient loading into Lake Riley. This area has no other form of stormwater treatment and the raingardens act as a filter to clean the runoff before it drains to the lake. The Carver SWCD took the lead on this project and partnered with the Met Council, the City of Chanhassen, and the Metro Conservation Districts Joint Powers Board.



Old McDonald's farm – Carver SWCD staff worked with Phillip and Bill McDonald to enroll their marginal cropland into the federal Conservation Reserve Program. Mr. McDonald hosts youth pheasant hunts as well as Education Days for the Watertown and Waconia High School Conservation Clubs. During these events teenage students learn about the importance of conservation for improving water quality, enhancing wildlife habitat and reducing flooding by keeping water on the land.

Recent projects (continued)

Burandt Lake has been identified as an impaired water and a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) has been established for the watershed. Carver SWCD staff have worked along with the Carver WMO to identify and install 3 curb-cut raingardens and a shoreline restoration project to reduce loading into the lake. Additional federal clean water dollars have been secured and more Best Management Practices will be installed

Future Projects

Wetland Restorations - The RIM/WRP program will secure a 90 acre permanent conservation easement on a sod farm that currently drains directly into Lake Waconia. This project will start in 2010 and will restore a 40 acre wetland that is currently drained through a pump system.

The project will treat a 400 acre drainage area and improve water quality in Lake Waconia and downstream water bodies. Several other large wetland restorations are ready for easements when additional funds become available.

TMDL Implementation – The list of impaired waters that do not meet state standards continues to grow as more water bodies are being tested. The SWCD will continue to be the lead agency working on private and public lands to reduce the negative impacts of surface water runoff. The new Reinvest in Minnesota Buffer program and other state, federal, and local programs provide opportunities for landowners to protect our natural resources.

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