

Cass

Soil and Water Conservation District

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SWCD Board Meeting: First Thursday of Month at 10:00 a.m.



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Shoreline protection on all public waters
2. Sustainable forestry management
3. Reducing agricultural impacts on receiving waters
4. Stormwater management
5. Wetland preservation

2008 Revenue

Cost-share	\$7,703
Education	\$4,000
Programs & Operations	\$31,276
Total	\$42,979

Recent Projects

Two townships were initially targeted for a small woodlot management program that was started by the SWCD. The program is for landowners with 5-20 acres of woodland that is not currently being managed, and the main goal is to improve wildlife habitat and market usable wood fiber. All owners with woodlot acreages were contacted to offer assistance with timber assessments – services provided by private foresters.

Pasture management workshops to demonstrate good forage management have been cosponsored by the SWCD, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Minnesota Extension Service, and a local Lions club. This includes an annual tour of farms that have undertaken various pasture management techniques -- plantings, fencing, watering facilities. This group also sponsors a pasture management tour to the University of Minnesota Experiment Station at Grand Rapids, Minn.

County / SWCD partnership

Under a formal working agreement that has been established by the Cass SWCD and Cass County, the county provides all staff and support services to the SWCD in order to carry out its program. In exchange, the Cass County Board has assigned the SWCD responsibility for administering certain activities, such as feedlot regulation.

The SWCD also seats members on the Environmental Services Citizens Advisory Committee (water plan committee) and the Board of Adjustment.



Pictured: The Rookery wetland bank site.

Future Projects

1. Completion of shoreland buffer demonstration areas—expand to 15 sites.
2. Expand small woodlot program countywide.
3. Complete planning and construction of a wetland banking site in southern Cass.

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