

Douglas

Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Meeting: 2nd Monday @ 8 p.m. April-
Oct; 3 p.m. Nov.-March*



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Development Pressure and Land use
2. Natural Habitat Destruction
3. Waste and Storm water Management
4. Water Quality
5. Reducing cropland erosion on Highly Erodible Land in Watersheds with TMDL Plans

2008 Revenue

Intergovernmental Revenue	\$291,923
Charges for Services Revenue	\$ 99,540
Investment Earnings	\$ 5,626
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 753
Total	\$397,842

Complete financial statement and notes can be found on the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation Districts website at douglasswcd.com

Recent Projects

Wetland restoration completed through the Reinvest in Minnesota/Wetland Reserve Program (RIM/WRP) Program. Six RIM/WRP easements were funded in Douglas County last year, restoring nearly 60 plus acres of wetlands and 200 plus acres of native grasses.



Wildlife tree planting in Douglas County. In 2008 over 2300 trees and shrubs covering 7.9 acres were planted for wildlife. In 2008 over 40,000 trees and shrubs were sold to over 300 Douglas County residents to benefit wildlife and water quality.



Before and after picture of rain garden completed near Lake Geneva. Cost-share provided through a cooperative grant with Minnesota Waters, Conservation Partnership grants program.



Before and after picture of a Lakescaping Project on Lake Mary. Cost-share provided through a cooperative grant with Long Prairie Watershed group.



Future Projects

The Douglas County Local Water Plan was updated and approved in 2009. This document lays out many water quality projects to be completed over the next 10 years. Projects include wetland restorations, stream bank and lake shore erosion projects, storm water improvement projects, and education programs. A complete copy of the Douglas County Water Plan can be found on the Douglas SWCD website at douglasswcd.com. With the passing of the outdoor heritage amendment three large lakeshore gullies are being proposed to be fixed in the next two years. One other project to be completed is to fence out cattle on three different lakes. Local Lake Assn. will partner on these projects.

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