

Faribault

Soil and Water Conservation District

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SWCD Board Meeting: 2nd Monday of Month
at 8:30 am



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns – From County Comprehensive Water Plan

1. Water quality concerns (surface, ground, wastewater, non point source pollution)
2. Stormwater management including control, LID and flood damage reductions
3. Drainage management including agricultural flood damage reduction, public drainage and water retention
4. Erosion Control (soil, streambank and construction site)
5. Agriculture concerns (animal agriculture, manure and nutrient management)

2008 Revenue

Local	\$ 6,487
County	\$105,392
State	\$173,837
Federal	\$ 9,555
Charges for Services	\$ 29,823
Miscellaneous	\$ 15,911
Total	\$341,005

Recent Projects / Accomplishments

Rain Barrel Program - A

rain barrel truckload sale in August was a huge success. Altogether, a total of 125 barrels were distributed throughout the county. Rain barrels sold included 55 gallon recycled oak (wine) and 55 gallon plastic barrels, with or without hardware kits.



Rain barrels store rooftop runoff to be used later for watering lawns and gardens. Connected to your downspout they are a great way to keep stormwater out of the storm sewer and cut down on your water bill! They are an effective and inexpensive way to be green!

Drainage Records Modernization – In 2009 Faribault County received a BWSR Drainage Records Modernization Challenge Grant. The grant includes three phases: historic documentation and records preservation, GIS data development, and drainage records accessibility.

With GIS data development currently underway, the county has begun to provide greater access to drainage data through the creation of an interactive web GIS map. The interactive map supports map navigation, searching, querying, printing, markup tools, and buffering.

With the completion of this project in 2010, Faribault County will have one central location for all drainage documents and information to be updated and accessed, benefitting all stakeholders involved and improving local drainage and land use decision making.

Urban Outreach/Stormwater Project – This position, established in 2007, has worked closely with the small, non-MS4 communities in the county on stormwater management assessments and mitigation. An extensive education and outreach campaign is underway, with the creation of the *Stormwater Connections* newsletter for elected officials, multiple workshops for homeowners, contractors and municipal staff and personalized assessment interviews. The establishment of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) began with the installation of one community and seven residential rain gardens, as well as the rain barrel program. Future projects include bioretention basins, two additional community rain gardens, a community park pervious paver demonstration and low-impact design for road reconstructions in two communities.



GBERBA Joint Powers Partnership – Faribault County is a member of the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA). In 2009, this watershed based organization secured \$15,000.00 for implementation of urban and agricultural BMP's, and technical

assistance for Faribault County. An additional \$3,000.00 was awarded for professional development. GBERBA continues to apply for grant funds that will enhance local watershed efforts.



Future Projects

East Branch Blue Earth River Watershed Approach - Faribault County SWCD received grant funding through the Clean Water Partnership program to utilize a systematic approach to identify principal sources of sediment contributions and work towards coordination and implementation of critical BMPs, demonstration sites, education and outreach efforts to determine sources and to identify the mechanism by which the sediment is eroded and introduced into the surface water system. This project will focus on selected drainage watersheds within the East Fork of the Blue Earth River. It will be a cooperative effort between the SWCD, county, and landowners.

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