

Lac qui Parle

Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meeting: First Thursday of
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Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Reduce soil erosion
2. Protect and improve water quality
3. Establish/maintain quality conservation tree plantings
4. Promote wise stewardship of resources
5. Coordinate and partner to get the most out of financial resources to help landowners protect their natural resources

2008 Revenue

State Revenue	\$77,202
Water Plan	\$21,991
Wetland Conservation Act	\$5,000
County Revenue	\$95,368
Charges for Services	\$49,430
Affiliate Program	\$1,200
Miscellaneous	\$9,070
Total	\$259,261

Recent Projects

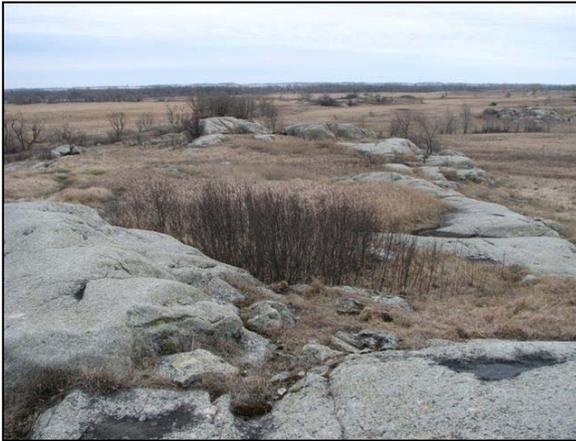


Clean Water Legacy Project

The LqP SWCD applied for a \$122,000 Clean Water Legacy grant, matched with various local funds, to stabilize a section of the Lac qui Parle riverbank. The river was eating toward the right-of-way on the west side of a county highway, adding tons of soil to Lac qui Parle Lake in the process. The SWCD coordinated the project which consisted of a combination of stream barbs, selective riprap, and bank re-sloping with reseeding of native grasses and some shrubs. The bank was protected with erosion control blanket held in place by willow stakes. Together they will do the job and maintain a natural appearance.

A severe windstorm....left tornado-like damage across a large swath of Lac qui Parle County July 30, 2008. Older farmstead windbreaks were especially hard hit. Trees left standing had many broken limbs, leaving them susceptible to insects and disease which may not allow them to survive long term. While many windbreaks were replaced with District assistance in 2009, a large workload remains.

Granite Rock Outcrops



By partnering with other SWCDs in the MN Minnesota River Valley, some very unique and endangered areas are about to be protected in Lac qui Parle County. Minnesota Valley Granite Outcrops that are among the oldest rock formations in the world, with their unique land forms and rare vegetation makes these rock formations worth protecting. These areas contain many rare and endangered species including many plant species, birds, and amphibians. The Legislative Citizens Committee on Minnesota Resources Grant, LCCMR, will help to protect over 75 acres of these fragile rock ecosystems with a permanent easement so that future generations may enjoy this beautiful, rare, and fragile blend of rocks, plant, and animal life.

Appearances can be deceiving... A system of 6 water and sediment control basins, 3 diversions, and 1 terrace were needed to control erosion on a field that appears fairly flat to the naked eye, saving more than 215 tons of soil per year.

Highlights of diverse education-outreach program include...

a weekly live radio program; booths at the LqP County Fair, farm/home show, and Parent Expo; classroom presentations on a variety of topics; photography contest; workshops for Girl Scout Day Camp, community tree planting project, junior high Service Learning, and an Early Childhood Project WILD workshop for 48 preschool teachers; parade entries; area education events such as the high school Envirothon and the SW MN Environmental Fair for 6th graders; and more.



Future Projects

The SWCD will continue to work closely with the Lac qui Parle YellowBank Watershed Clean Water Partnership providing technical and financial support implementing the Watershed's Clean Water Partnership grants, and promoting and installing conservation practices that will help achieve the TMDL.

LqP SWCD, Lincoln SWCD, and Yellow Medicine SWCD submitted a Clean Water Fund Water Quality Project application to reduce nitrogen, sediment, and phosphorus in the Lac qui Parle River using incentives and assistance in the application of selected BMPs.

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