

Rice

Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of
Month at 1:00 p.m.*



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Sheet and Rill Erosion
2. Gully Erosion
3. Lake and Stream Water Quality
4. Nutrient Management
5. Urban water runoff management

2008 Revenue

County Funds	\$178,500
State Operating Funds	\$108,459
State Pass-thru Grants	\$75,873
Fees for Services	\$4,150
Tree and other sales	\$36,624
Other Misc. Rev.	\$35,394
Total	\$439,000

Recent Projects



Sediment basin built in 2008 with State Cost-Share.



Raingarden built in 2008 for demonstration purposes. Funded by Rice SWCD, City of Faribault and other volunteers.

NPDES

Education and assistance at construction sites in Rice County began in December 2004 as a pilot project with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. This project has focused heavily on educating contractors and developers about the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) rules and identifying areas on their sites that need attention. Rice SWCD employees inspect an average of 120 permits annually, and this project has led to a large gain in compliance with the NPDES permit rules. This means less sediment, nutrients, and other chemicals are entering surface waters.

Partnerships

Strong partnerships with conservation groups have led to many successful projects. One in particular is the Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP), an organization that has been very active in seeking grants for conservation and water quality projects. The Rice SWCD and other organizations have recently worked together on the Straight River Fecal Coliform Reduction project, which was funded partly through a grant that was secured by the CRWP.

The SWCD's role was to identify sites where conservation practices are needed and contact the landowners to discuss what they can do to reduce fecal coliform levels in the Straight River. Like most grants with CRWP, the project was a success, and many new filter strips are yet to come from this effort. Working together with groups like CRWP has enabled the Rice SWCD to accomplish its goals much faster than if they were not part of the conservation movement.

Future Projects



This site is currently under construction for a feedlot runoff control system. Funding source is State Water Quality Feedlot Management Grant.

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