

# Sherburne

## Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meeting: First Monday of the Month at 3:00 p.m.*



## Recent Projects



*Pictured: A rain garden and filter strip designed by SWCD staff were installed at Lake Orono Park.*

7 stormwater runoff treatment projects have recently been completed by the Sherburne SWCD. Rain gardens, filter strips and infiltration trenches have been installed to treat runoff from parking lots and roads.

The SWCD has installed 19 projects on six lakes through the Shoreland Buffer and Revegetation Demonstration Project.

In 2008 the Elk River Watershed Association started work on several TMDLs in order to



address impaired surface waters in the Elk River Watershed. The SWCD received funds from MPCA that will provide the means to complete TMDLs on three waters on the Clean Water Act 303(d) impaired waters list.

Once the data analysis is complete there will be another opportunity for stakeholders to hear about and comment on the results of data analysis as well as to discuss the development of the TMDL Implementation Plan.

## Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Impaired and degraded lakes and streams in the Elk River Watershed
2. Increasing urban and residential land use causing increasing runoff
3. Quality and quantity of riparian and aquatic vegetation
4. Loss of native vegetation and habitat
5. Wind erosion on cropland, water erosion, stormwater runoff on construction sites

## 2008 Revenue

Charges for Services	\$87,831
Grants & Contributions	\$99,185
County Allocation	\$311,527
Investment Earnings	\$5,419
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$511,541</b>

## Recent projects (continued)



### ***Pollinator Protection***

We are active in the National Pollinator Protection Campaign. In 2009 we hosted a pollinator event promoting planting for pollinators. The event was captured by the KARE 11 news crew and also covered by the local newspapers. Third – sixth grade students participated in the event with presentations on specific native plants used by pollinators. The end result is a 2,000 square foot pollinator garden planted to demonstrate the simplicity of what small property owners can do to offset the loss of habitat that is accepted as a factor in pollinator population decline.

## Future Projects

A seven acre Oak Savanna in the City of Big Lake McDowall Park restoration is planned for 2010 in conjunction with our Annual Pollinator Day Celebration.

A Quarterly E-Newsletter to our cooperators will begin publication.



### ***Forestry***

In 2009 the SWCD assumed the Forest Resources responsibilities from the County.

## ***Board Members***

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