

# Wilkin

## Soil and Water Conservation District

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*SWCD Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of Month at 8:00 a.m.*



### Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Reduce Erosion and Sedimentation in Wilkin County
2. Improve the Quality of Surface Water in Wilkin County
3. Control Runoff and Reduce Flood Damages in Wilkin County
4. Improve Fish and Wildlife Habitat
5. Protect Ground Water Resources in Wilkin County

### 2009 Revenue

Total \$616,434

## Recent Projects

Red River Valley Restoration (S. Branch Buffalo River) In 2009, the district received \$1,106,435 in RIM Reserve funding through the RRValley Restoration Initiative. A total of 13 easements were secured on approximately 800 acres along 7 miles of river. After easements are in place the Buffalo Red River Watershed District will install flood control levees adjacent to the project area.

Living Snowfences In 2009, the district planted 1.75 miles of living snow fences along State Highway 210, bringing the total miles of LSFs along the roadway to 7.25 miles.

### Lower Otter Tail Clean Water Legacy Project

In 2009, the district completed phase I of a CWL grant received for the purpose of reducing sediment loading in the Otter Tail River. At the completion of this phase, a total of: 40 acres of no-till; 2060 acres of minimum tillage; 7217 acres of cover crops; 12.4 miles of windbreaks; 76 acres of buffer strips; 20 miles of sediment control structures; 100 side inlet structures; and 775 ft of streambank stabilization were installed. Annual estimated sediment reductions for this phase totals 1,668 tons per year. This is equal to 25% of the TMDL goal.



Uncontrolled Gully Erosion (Before)

**Side Inlet/Water Control Structure  
(After)**



**Stream Barbs (Streambank  
Stabilization)**



**Future Projects 2010**

Phase II of the Lower Otter Tail Project.

Work scheduled for 2010 includes the construction of approximately 14 miles of water control structures and 60 side inlet controls. Staff will also promote conservation Best Management Practices in this project area.



Red River Restoration Project (South Branch Buffalo River). Staff will complete easements on 800 acres and develop conservation plans.

Whiskey Creek Restoration Project. In 2009, \$256,000 in Clean Water Legacy Funds were requested. If funding is received construction of 28 miles of sediment control structures and 112 side inlet structures will begin. Staff will also promote conservation Best Management Practices in this project area.

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