

Winona

Soil and Water Conservation District

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SWCD Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Month at 9 a.m.



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Erosion from wind and water on steep slopes.
2. Sedimentation that adversely affects water resources from a quality and quantity perspective.
3. Feedlots in high priority areas within 300 feet from a water resource or sinkhole.
4. Rehabilitation and repair of conservation practices damaged by 2007 flood.
5. Coordinating public and private efforts by serving as a forum on natural resource issues.

2008 Revenue

Intergovernmental	\$859,881
Charges for Services	\$26,494
Investment earnings	\$25,349
Miscellaneous	\$50
Total Revenue	\$911,775

Recent Projects

Civic Engagement



Pictured are Chairman Rudie Spitzer and District Manger Tim Terrill accepting an award from the National Association of Conservation Districts on behalf of the Winona SWCD's efforts in grassroots initiatives.

The Winona SWCD received a national award from the National Association of Conservation Districts for District Excellence in Policy and Grassroots Initiatives. After the flood of 2007 the SWCD met regularly with members in the Garvin Brook watershed to help determine the watershed's needs for recovery, and provided information to the group to help them understand the flood recovery project. Since then, the SWCD has met with the community of Rushford City and Pickwick Mill board to determine methods and strategies to help them accomplish their community goals relating to soil erosion and water quality.

Animal Ag Waste Clean up



Here is a feedlot where manure is allowed to enter streams and contaminate water. There is no filtering of manure when leaving the feedlot.



A structure was designed by the Winona SWCD to control and filter the pollutant (manure) from entering the streams in our county.

This particular structure is a runoff **control structure**. There is a curved wall constructed with a pipe installed at the bottom to slow down the polluted runoff which helps settle out the solid manure behind the wall so it can remain on the lot.

This manure is then applied by the farmer at agronomic rates to grow crops. After the liquids leave the lot from the pipe, they enter a concrete pad which spreads the liquids out evenly to be sent to a grassed buffer area to remove any remaining pollutants. This whole process is designed by the SWCD and partners to treat 100% of the runoff that leaves the feedlot, and is a method used to keep our water clean.

Future Projects

Flood Recovery

The Winona SWCD is continuing to work on repairing and rehabilitating structures that were destroyed by the 2007 flood, and building new conservation measures to protect and preserve the soil and water quality in Winona County. To date, the SWCD has received over \$1.5 million for flood recovery, and has a balance of over half a million dollars left to encumber over the next year.

By using a conservation program named flood Reinvest in Minnesota (Flood RIM), the Winona SWCD was able to place 376 acres into a permanent conservation easement which will protect and restore the fragile soils in our county. This remarkable achievement and workload could not have been accomplished without working in cooperation with our partners which include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Board of Water & Soil Resources, and the SE Joint Powers Board.

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