

# Wright

Soil and Water Conservation District

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SWCD Board Meeting: Second Monday of the Month



## Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality and Quantity
2. Soil Erosion and Resulting Damage to Soil Resource
3. Wetlands – Protection and Enhancement Activities
4. Urban Development Problems (Erosion and Sediment Control)
5. Loss of Cropland to Development and Other Uses

## 2008 Revenue

Intergovernmental	\$655,662
Charge for Services	\$39,209
Investment Earnings	\$9,778
Miscellaneous	\$3,728
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$708,377</b>

## Recent Projects

**Camp Lake Project-** The District using various partners and the Joint Powers technical team planned and installed a demonstration project using a crushed limestone bed to filter water to remove phosphorus before discharge to Camp Lake. The project included flooding a 4-acre basin near camp lake and then slowly releasing the water through 6-inch pipes into a limestone bed. The Initiative Foundation of Little Falls helped fund this project.



**Buffalo Lake Rainwater Garden-** A large rainwater garden was installed with the City of Buffalo and with the help of the Mid Minnesota Mississippi RC&D. The project is in a critical location for runoff from an urban street and will provide direct infiltration of water, reducing sediment and phosphorus load to Buffalo Lake.



## Recent projects (continued)

**Granite Lake Project-** A diversion and small structure was designed and installed adjacent to Granite Lake to totally remove the watershed from a large gully eroding directly into the lake. Granite Lake Association, the Township, the Landowner and area farmers were instrumental in getting this project installed. This one project will stop the huge gully from yielding tons of sediment and phosphorus to the lake. The water is diverted via a 500 foot diversion along the township road to the structure which collects the water and slowly releases it to a low area where water can be further filtered by grass before it ultimately finds its way back to the lake. This project epitomizes what can be done when cooperation between parties is forthcoming. The old gully will stabilize as it will no longer have significant amount of water running through it. The project was funded with Federal EQIP and State Cost Share dollars along with the Granite Lake Association. All parties are extremely happy with how the project turned out.



## Future Projects

The District has a number of interesting projects planned for installation in 2010. A large gully will be controlled on the Cokato School site and a large wetland restoration will be installed for a BWSR wetland bank site in the western part of the county. In 2009 a desire to increase infiltration practices initiated a project to install ten to twelve demonstration rainwater gardens in highly visible sites. Three projects were installed in 2009 and the remaining are planned to be completed in 2010.

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