

RECENT PROJECTS

Stream Gauging Program – a District-wide program involving 38 volunteer readers. Gathered information is used to help predict potential flood danger and for hydrologic modeling.

District Rules and a Permitting Program – helps provide adequate drainage needs for agricultural production while providing fair access to the drainage system as a whole. The District processed 146 permits in 2008.

North Ottawa Impoundment Project – currently under construction, this project consists of a three-square-mile water impoundment designed to retain 18,000 acre-feet of floodwater from a 75-square-mile watershed. Estimated cost is \$18.9M. Will be partially operational in spring 2009.

River Watch Program - conducted with four schools in the Bois de Sioux Watershed District. Monitoring is done on approximately 30 sites and water quality data is assembled and distributed to local, state, and federal agencies.

Partnership – with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to promote installation of buffer strips and wetland restorations for runoff reduction. In the last two years, over 3,500 acres were installed within the Bois de Sioux Watershed District.

Re-determination of drainage benefits - for the drainage area of Judicial Ditch #14, covering around 800 square miles. This re-determination constitutes one of the largest ever undertaken in the state of Minnesota.

Redpath Project – A multi-purpose impoundment adjacent to the Mustinka River, the main river in the District. This project is comparable to the North Ottawa Impoundment in size and function.

Management of 60 legal ditch systems – under MS 103E comprising approximately 400 lineal miles of drainage systems and also conduct annual inspections and the needed repairs and maintenance as required by statute.

MAWD Summer Tour 2008 - The Bois de Sioux Watershed District hosted the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Summer Tour 2008. Around 150 watershed managers and spouses were in attendance along with some state agency people. Stops included a drive through of the North Ottawa Impoundment Project.

2008 DNR Waters Watershed District of the Year award recipient.



North Ottawa Impoundment Project—airial view looking north. Project scheduled to be fully functional for flood damage reduction purposes spring 2010.

Pheasants Forever partnership – with local chapters to purchase and retire marginal farmland into permanent grassland as a means to reduce runoff.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Complete construction – of the North Ottawa Impoundment Project.

Initiate construction – Pursue development of impoundment projects in Tintah Township Section 34, Moonshine Lakebed, Moonshine Township Section 13, Eldorado Township Section 7 by working to acquire land rights.

Ditch record modernization – participate in the ditch record modernization process to the extent necessary to make managing the legal ditch systems in our district more efficient.

2007 EXPENDITURES

Call district office for financial information:
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