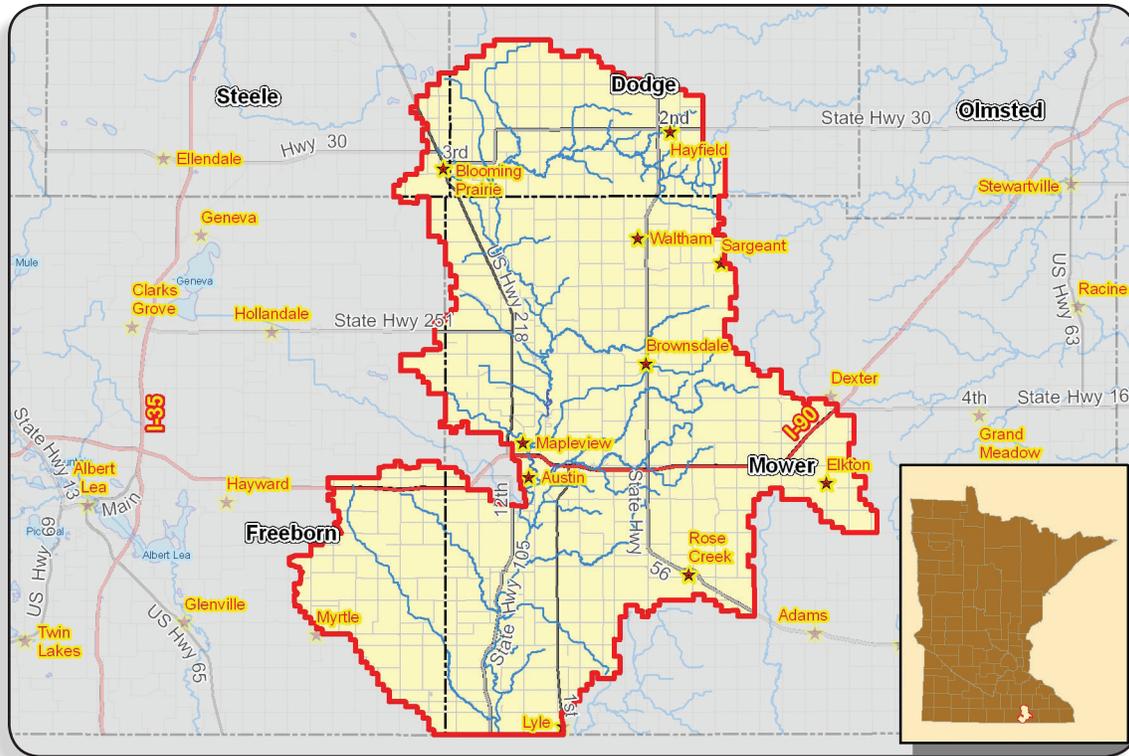


Cedar River

WATERSHED DISTRICT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: April 25, 2007
by county petition

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Included Counties: Steele, Dodge,
Mower, Freeborn

District Size: 435 square miles

Major Lakes/Water Bodies: Cedar
River

Number of Staff: Contracts with
SWCD

2008 Taxable Market Value (TMV):
\$1,881,600,400

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Dan Regner	President	Mower	2015 - 7th Ave SE, Austin, MN 55912	(507) 433-7018
Jim Gebhardt	Chair	Mower	31776 - State Hwy 56, Waltham, MN 55982	(507) 477-2184
Mike Jones	Treasurer	Steele	141 Main St, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917	(507) 583-7573
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Steve Kraushaar	Secretary	Freeborn	86392 - 160th St, Glenville, MN 56036	(507) 437-1531
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Harlen Peck	Manager	Mower	52958 - 162nd St, Austin, MN 55912	(507) 437-6688



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RECENT PROJECTS

10-Year Watershed Plan – since the District was established in 2007, staff and board members are currently working hard to complete the District’s 10-year watershed plan.

Rain Garden Demonstration Site — the CRWD designed and constructed a raingarden at the JC Hormel Nature Center. This raingarden filters the runoff from the parking lot before outletting into Dobbins Creek. The key to the success of the project was that there were so many partners that donated funds, staff time, and materials. Partners included: City of Austin, Mower County, local contractors and businesses, Staff and Friends of the Nature Center, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Mower Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

TMDL for Turbidity — partnering with Mower SWCD, Turtle Creek WD, and Shell Rock WD in doing a TMDL study for turbidity. This three-year project will be completed in 2011.

Monitoring — applied for and received an MPCA grant to start a comprehensive monitoring program throughout the watershed. Baseline data will be established by monitoring 14 sites throughout the watershed for two years.

Stream Survey — applied for and received funding for the MN Conservation Corps to do a stream study of the Cedar River and its tributaries. The survey included an inventory of streambank erosion, stream impediments, and land-use next to the stream.

Flood Reduction — secured six wetland restorations in the watershed through local-state-federal partnerships: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP II) and Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Reserve / USDA NRCS Wetlands

Reserve Program (RIM/WRP) by partnering with the Mower SWCD/NRCS. These sites not only restore valuable wetlands, but have built in water storage for rain events.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Dobbins Creek Watershed — applied for and received a grant from BWSR for agricultural watershed restoration for the subwatershed of Dobbins Creek. Dobbins Creek has become a priority because of the stream being so flashing during flood events.

TMDL — complete study for turbidity and assist with the implementation plan.

10-Year Watershed Plan – the draft plan will be taken out to the public, townships, and cities in the watershed for their input.

Flood Reduction and Buffers — continue to support conservation easements for wetland restorations and also researching other means to slow the flows of the rivers and streams in the watershed.

2007 EXPENDITURES

Total 2007 Expenditures	\$23,315
Management / General Administrative	\$12,650
Data Collection / Monitoring	\$2,344
Projects / Implementation	\$8,321