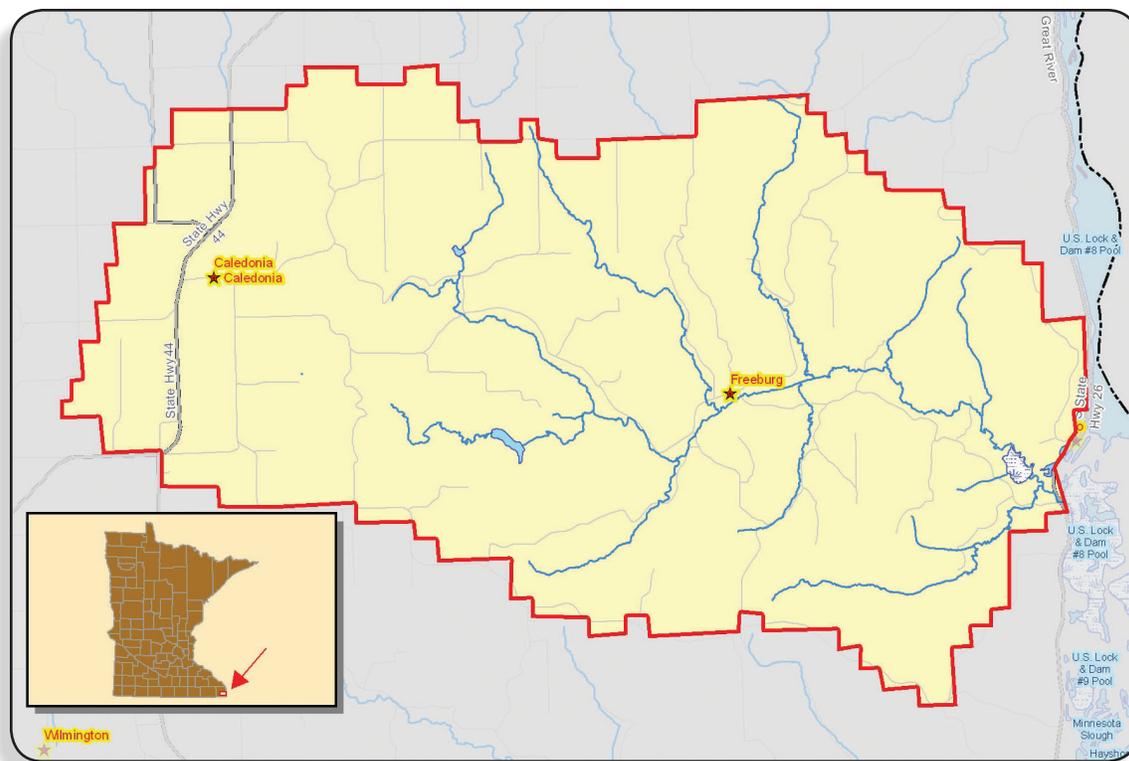


# Crooked Creek

## WATERSHED DISTRICT



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: December 1, 1959  
by citizen petition

603 N Sprague Ste 1  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
Phone: (507) 724-5261

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Included counties: Houston  
District Size: 70 square miles

Major Water Bodies: Crooked Creek

Number of Staff: 0

2008 Taxable Market Value (TMV):  
\$257,115,800

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Wilfred Pohlman	Chairman	Houston	202 Nelson Ct, Caledonia, MN 55921	(507) 725-2136
Dan Goetzing	Reporter	Houston	6352 Whitetail Dr, Caledonia, MN 55921	(507) 724-3930
Tim McCormick	Vice Chairman	Houston	8705 County 3, Caledonia, MN 55921	(507) 724-2471
Robert Mierau	Secretary	Houston	13598 Heinz Rd, Caledonia, MN 55921	(507) 724-1106
Maynard Welscher	Treasurer	Houston	10008 County 14, Caledonia, MN 55921	(507) 724-2483

## RECENT PROJECTS

Four Large Earthen Dams — Crooked Creek Watershed District’s main purpose is to maintain four large earthen dams, which provide flood control in the watershed. Average slopes in the watershed are 8 to 10 percent, and some are as great as 16 percent. Distances from valley floors to tops of ridges are about 350 to 400 feet, so during flooding events, surface water tends to converge in valleys and cause damage to cropland and roads.

The dams were created in response to severe flooding in the 1940s and 1950s. They were built from 1965 to 1970 and range in height from 40-45 feet. The largest dam has a permanent pool of 30 acres near the South Fork of Crooked Creek and a drainage area of 8,100 acres. During significant flooding events, the pool can grow to about 90 acres. Maintenance includes annual inspections, clearing debris and grading and shaping pool areas as needed. The district hires an employee of the Root River Soil and Water Conservation District on a contract basis for these duties. Engineering is provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service on a contract basis.

Four Other Projects — the District also maintains two grade stabilization structures and two grassed waterways.

Flood Recovery — recently, the District completed flood recovery projects in partnership with the Minnesota Conservation Corps and local SWCDs using funds provided by a state Clean Water Legacy grant.

Sinkhole Repair — the District repaired a sinkhole that was created after the June 2008 flooding event.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

The watershed district board of managers are in the planning stages of revising the district’s annual plan, which may include a proposal to build another flood-control structure.



## 2007 EXPENDITURES

Total 2007 Expenditures	\$12,913
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