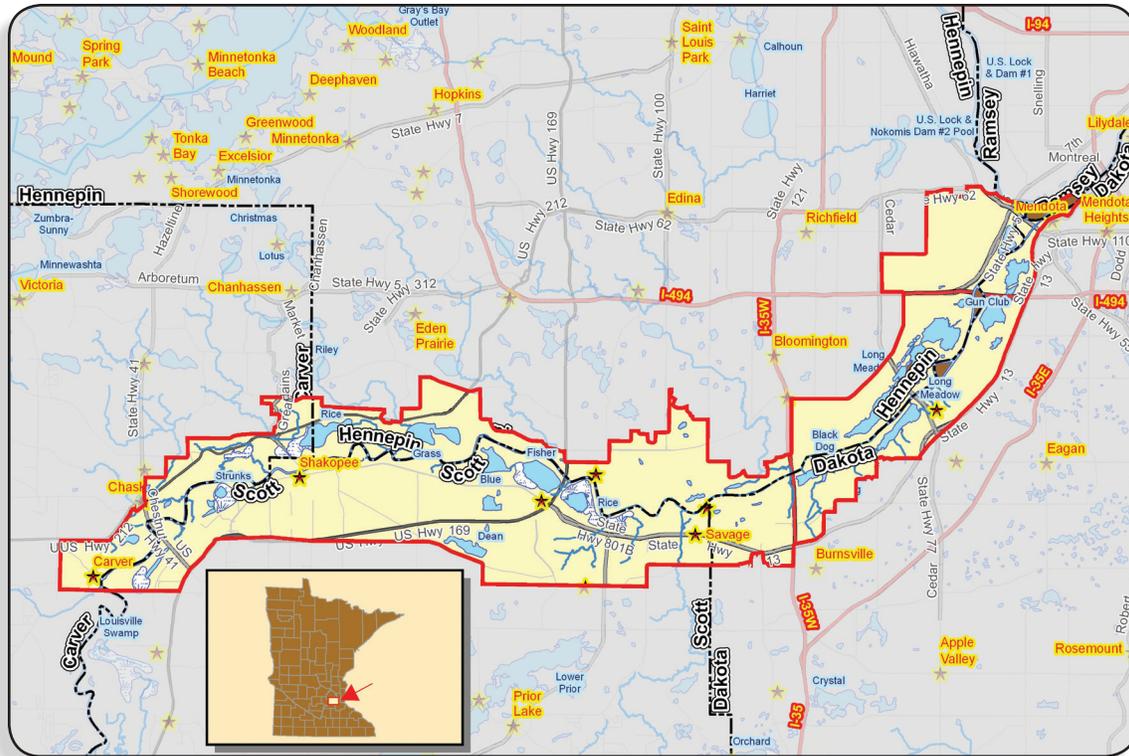


Lower Minnesota River

WATERSHED DISTRICT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: March 23, 1960
by Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
and Scott County petition

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Included Counties: Carver, Dakota,
Hennepin, Scott

District Size: 70 square miles

Major Lakes/Features: Covers 33 miles
of the Minnesota River, St. Snelling
State Park; MN Valley Wildlife Refuge;
Murphy's Landing; Twin Cities Int'l
Airport, Flying Cloud Airport; two DNR-

designated trout streams; Valley Fair,
Cantebury Park, Boiling Springs

Included Fens: Seminary Fen, Savage
Fen, Nicols Fen, Snelling Fen and Quarry
Island Fen

Number of staff: 2

2008 Taxable Market Value:
\$8,236,149,900

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Len Kremer	President	Hennepin	6111 Auto Club Rd, Bloomington, MN 55438	(952) 832-2600
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Edward Schlapp	Treasurer	Hennepin	10901 Riverview Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55347	(952) 941-9576

RECENT PROJECTS

Nine-foot Navigational Channel on the Minnesota River — sponsored locally by the District with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it was established and is maintained jointly to provide required dredge material maintenance sites to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Maintenance and Data Collection for Monitoring Projects — is contracted through Scott and Dakota Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Carver County Environmental Services

Management Plans — were developed for Courthouse, Fireman’s, and Clayhole Lakes in Chaska in conjunction with the City of Chaska and Carver County

Groundwater Monitoring Plan — established for the unique features of the District

Negotiations — successfully assisted the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in the negotiations with the property owners of the former Seminary Fen site, the first purchase of property for the Seminary Fen Scientific and Natural Area (SNR). The District continues to negotiate with owners of abutting property needed to protect this unique resource.

Gully Inventory — conducted in the cities of Carver Chaska, Chanhassen, Eden Prairie and Bloomington. Field work for this project was done by the Minnesota Conservation Corps. The District partnered with the cities of Eden Prairie and Bloomington on the completion of three feasibility studies for gully restoration.

Retrofitting of the Storm Water Drainage — was completed at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Center in Bloomington, in partnership with the USFWS and the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. Catch basins were modified and rainwater gardens were added.

Contribution — to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for the installation of ground water monitoring wells as part of the Phase 1 study of the Seminary Fen for the future Trunk Highway 41 River Crossing Environmental Impact Statement

Acquisition — of 18 areas of land in Savage, MN for the placement and recycling of dredge materials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and private industry

Continued Membership — of the River Forum, a group of local, state and federal agencies formed to monitor and recommend environmental and navigational projects in the area.



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Education — continued web site development to feature articles about important resources in the District, ground and surface water data, watershed related government sites, District’s 509 Plan along with reports and studies; became a member of the Blue Thumb Planting for Clean Water Program and started negotiations with Metro Blooms to partner with Metro Blooms and cities within the District to hold rain water garden workshops. Contributed \$500 to the Carver County Children’s Water Festival held at State Fair grounds.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Remediation — of bank erosion problems on the Minnesota River, through assistance to the City of Burnsville

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) strategies — will be developed for all impaired stream reaches and the Minnesota River within the District

Gully Inventory — continue to partner and work with cities to correct issues identified in the District’s Gully Inventory.

Fifth Generation Plan — will be completed by December 2009

Minnesota River Basin Commission — continue to work with the Legislature and stakeholders to establish a basin commission whose purpose is to coordinate basin water management activities, implement projects and programs of common benefit to the basin, and monitor performance of local water management entities within the entire Minnesota River basin.

MNDOT — continue to participate on MNDOT’s Study Advisory Committee for the new Trunk Highway 41 river crossing corridor.

2007 EXPENDITURES

Total 2007 Expenditures	\$382,158
District Operations	\$92,924
Data & Monitoring	\$42,000
Projects & Construction	\$148,009
Water Management Operation	\$94,225

