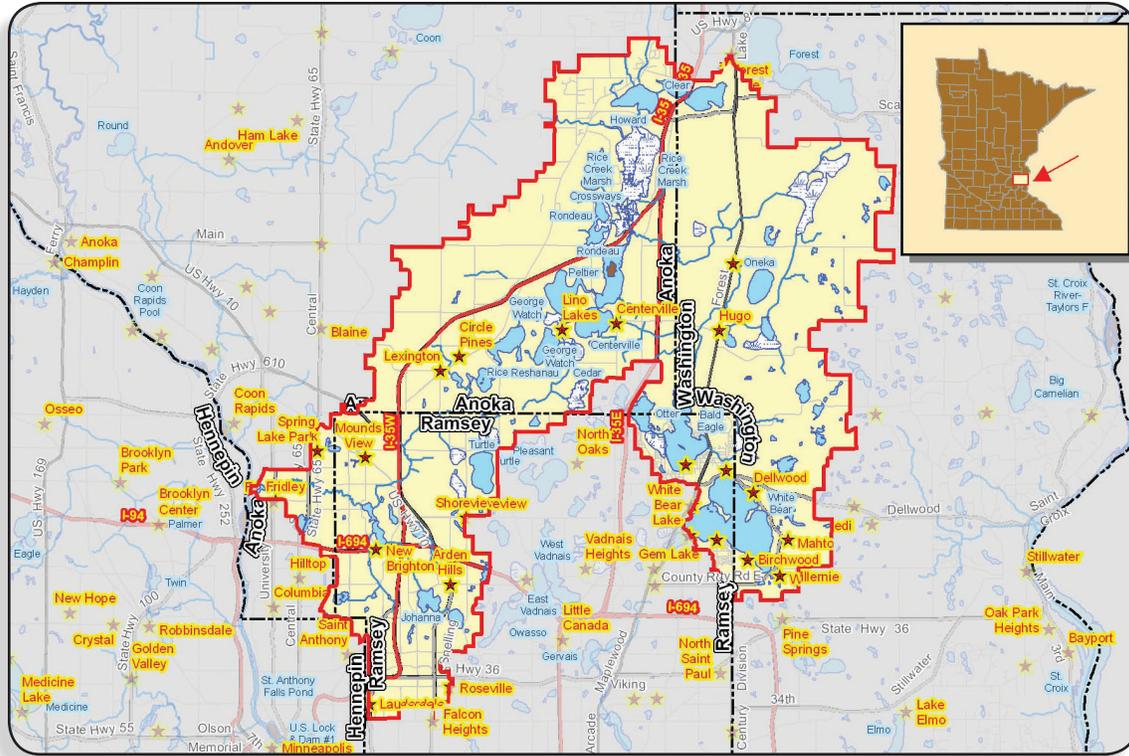


# Rice Creek

## WATERSHED DISTRICT



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: January 18, 1972 by  
Anoka, Ramsey, Washington County  
petition

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Included Counties: Washington, Anoka,  
Hennepin, Ramsey

District Size: 201 square miles

Major Lakes: 60

Steams and Ditches: 150 miles

Number of Staff: 9

2008 Taxable Market Value:  
\$20,805,700,100

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Patricia Preiner	President	Washington	14474 W Freeway Dr, Columbus, MN 55025	(651) 982-9999
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Harley M. Ogata	Secretary	Ramsey	5633 Hugo Rd, White Bear Twp, MN 55110	(651) 653-0885

## RECENT PROJECTS

District Facilities Inventory and Assessment — started in 2008, this project is addressing the aging infrastructure of over 30 various types of water control structures built in the 1970s to control flooding and enhance water quality in the lower portion of the watershed.

TMDL Studies — completed TMDL studies in 2008 for Hardwood Creek, Silver Lake, Anoka County Chain of Lakes, and Peltier/Centerville lakes to address water quality impairments for excess nutrients, total suspended solids (sediment), and biota.

Lake Management — continued implementation of a pilot Curly Leaf Pondweed control in Bald Eagle and Roshenau lakes. Curly Leaf Pondweed is an invasive plant and is a leading contributor to severe summer algae blooms in the District’s shallow lakes. The District also completed a study in 2008 of small urban lakes in the southwestern portion of the watershed, which provides an implementation strategy for addressing water quality concerns that have been expressed by citizens in this area.

Resource Management Plans — completion of resource management plans for the JD4/ACD15 public drainage system and the City of Lino Lakes were completed in 2008. These plans provide a comprehensive approach to managing wetlands, stormwater runoff, water quality and public drainage systems in areas where rapid develop is anticipated in the next 5 to 10 years.

Blue Thumb Program — developed by the District in 2004, this award-winning web-based program provides information to landowners seeking to improve their lake, stream, and backyards with native plants and water quality best management practices. The program has over 40 partners comprised of government agencies, citizens, and nursery retailers.

Long Lake Sediment Basin Clean-Out — removal of approximately 29,000 yards of sand out of the sediment basin that was constructed as a District facility to remove sediment and nutrients before Rice Creek flows into Long Lake.

Drainage System Management — started in 2008 provides a systematic, comprehensive approach to addressing public drainage systems, providing predictability to benefitted property owners, municipalities that depend on these systems as part of their stormwater conveyance, and the District, which is the public drainage authority.



*Hardwood Creek Restoration Project*

Water Quality Restoration Cost-Share — provides financial and technical assistance to both municipalities and landowners for projects that remediate negative water quality and water quantity impacts from urban and suburban stormwater runoff through construction of on-the-ground projects.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

Water Quality Activities — complete a TMDL Study for Bald Eagle Lake, and continue to research and assess the control of aquatic invasive species and carp, which are major contributors to poor water quality in shallow lakes.

Capital Improvement Program Early Coordination — provide early coordination with cities on their capital road and building projects to streamline permitting and maximize opportunities for joint projects.

TMDL Implementation — completion of five TMDL implementation plans and initiation of feasibility studies to evaluate identified projects.

Watershed Management Plan Revision — revision of the District’s Watershed Management Plan in 2009. The Plan guides District priorities and water resource management efforts for the next ten years.

## 2007 EXPENDITURES

Total 2007 Expenditures	\$3,948,320
Management / General Administrative	\$400,211
Data Collection / Monitoring	\$250,000
Permitting / Regulatory Program	\$694,696
Projects / Implementation	\$931,092
Water Management Programs	\$471,970
Environmental Education / Outreach	\$107,509
Information Management / Research	\$108,039
Ditch & Creek Maintenance	\$984,803