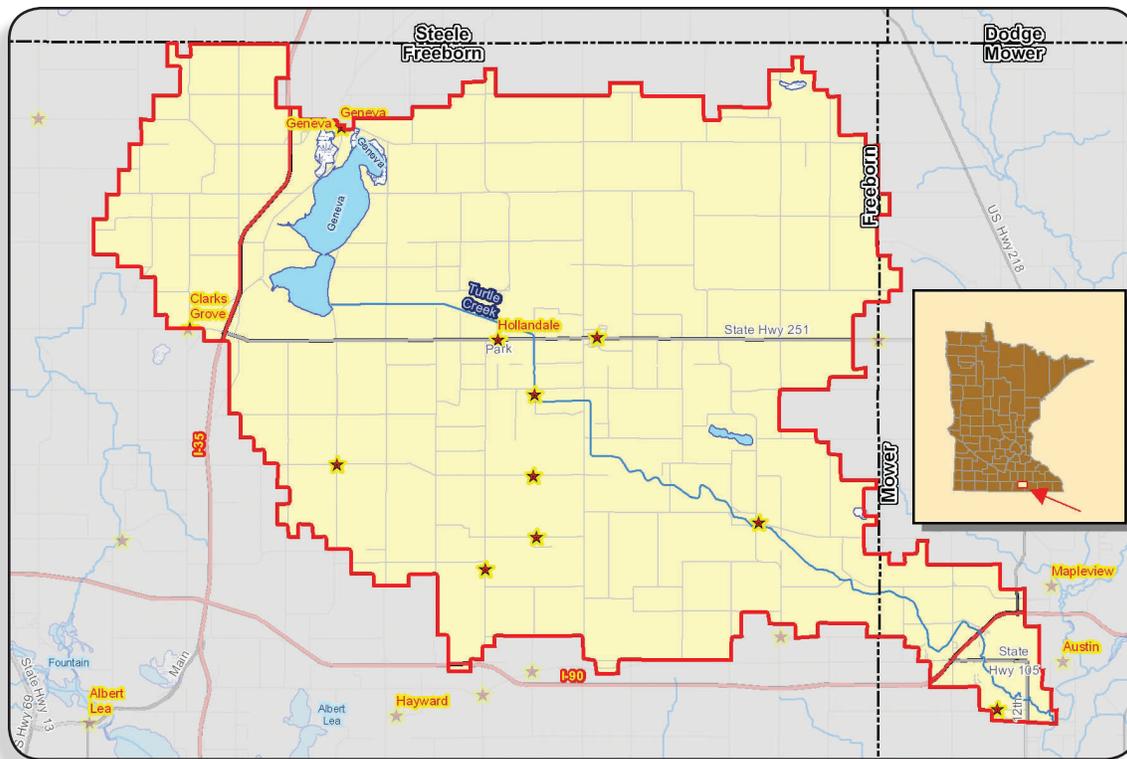


# Turtle Creek

## WATERSHED DISTRICT



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: 1968 by citizen petition

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Included Counties: Freeborn, Mower

District Size: 157 square miles

Major Lakes: Geneva

Number of Staff: Contracted staff

2008 Taxable Market Value:

\$867,319,000

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Michelle Miller	President	Freeborn	85247 South Island Circle Hollandale, MN 56045	(507) 438-1939
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Gerald Edwards	Secretary	Freeborn	PO Box 171, Hollandale, MN 56045	(507) 889-6351
Arlan Schamber	Treasurer	Mower	200 21st St NW, Austin, MN 55912	(507) 433-7637

## RECENT PROJECTS

Geneva Lake — in partnership with Ducks Unlimited, Freeborn County, and DNR, restoration of Geneva Lake is nearly complete. The new variable crest manageable dam with fish barrier is complete and a plan to manage the rough fish population is underway.

Permits — 72 permits were approved. They included tile, ditch cleanout, wetland restorations, and pond.

Monitoring Program — completed the third year of surface water monitoring that include fecal coliform, nitrate levels, flow and total suspended solids.

TMDL for Turbidity — partnering with Mower Soil & Water Conservation District, Cedar River WD, and Shell Rock WD in doing a TMDL study for turbidity. This three-year project will be completed in 2011.

Partnership — with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and landowner to install an aluminum toe wall structure to solve a long-time erosive site just adjacent to the Turtle Creek.

Legislative Tour — hosted a fall legislative tour highlighting several projects and the emphasizing the importance of buffers along ditches.

Non-Conforming Septic Systems — applied and received \$100,000 in low-interest loans through Clean Water Legacy for updating septic systems.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

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

Riceland Wetland Restoration — complete construction on a 320-acre wetland restoration that includes flood retention, and three wetland basins. This project has four property owners and TCWD is partnering with Freeborn SWCD in this CREPII project.

Buffers — inventory ditch system for compliance with the 1 rod strip on.



Aluminum toe wall structure that NRCS engineered; financing came from EQIP the TCWD.



New Dam on Geneva Lake partnering with Ducks Unlimited, Freeborn County, DNR, and the Izaak Walton League.

### 2007 EXPENDITURES

Total	\$159,183
Management / General Administrative	\$24,533
Data Collection / Monitoring	\$9,034
Permitting / Regulatory Programs	\$8,434
Projects / Implementation	\$108,148
Water Management Programs	\$9,034