

Cedar River Watershed District

First Year Accomplishments

- Established in May of 2007
- Started the 10 Year Plan Process
- Secured Administrative/Technical Services through Mower SWCD
- Start a 3 year program TMDL for Turbidity in partnership with SRWD, TCWD and SWCD
- Partnered with County Highway Department to install 11 Stream Gages.

Funding Opportunities

- Applied and received funding for Stream Study on the Cedar and it's Tributaries. Survey completed in October 2008.
- Applied and received \$111,000.00 in funding for the CRWD's first comprehensive monitoring program through MPCA.
- Applied to be one of the 4 watersheds in Minnesota to be considered for Agricultural Watershed Restoration Funding.

Education/Public Relations

- Met with Blooming Prairie Lions, Austin's Noon Kiwanis and Freeborn SWCD
- Newsletter to all elected officials in Watershed
- Newsletter to producers
- Web Site developed
- Booth at Fair

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Stream Survey Results

In the Fall of 2007, the CRWD applied for and received grant funding to conduct a stream survey in the Cedar River Watershed. A total of 7 streams were surveyed throughout the watershed.

Highlights from the survey:

- The Cedar river stream banks are in good shape
- The stream banks in the tributaries are severely eroded
- Numerous natural impediments found in all streams surveyed. Dead fall trees and beaver dams make the majority of these areas.

Watershed District staff use a mapping program, developed as part of the survey, to look at specific areas of concern and locations. This information will be used for targeting cost-share assistance projects and acquiring additional funds to clean up problem areas.

Looking Ahead to the Next 2 Years

- Finalize CRWD boundary summer of 2008
- Complete 10-Year Plan in 1st quarter of 2009
- Demonstration Rain Garden
- TMDL Process through 2010
- Surface Water Monitoring 2008-2009
- Continue Educational Opportunities
- Continue to research outside project/program funds to implement the CRWD 10-year plan.
- Partner with SWCD/NRCS to accelerate best management practices and flood reduction practices in the Dobbins Creek Watershed.