

Cedar River Watershed District

2008 Activities

- Continued to meet and draft the 10 year watershed plan.
- Completed minor adjustments to the boundary of the watershed.
- Agreed to participate to fund Lidar mapping project for the Freeborn and Mower County. (*Dodge and Steele received flood funds.*)
- Demonstration Rain Garden at JC Hormel Nature Center.
- Co-Sponsored educational workshop with Shell Rock WD for Feedlot producers.
- Completed installing 11 stream gauges.
- Applied and received to be one of the 6 watersheds in Minnesota to be considered for Agricultural Watershed Restoration Funding.

Education/Public Relations

- Managers met with all townships and municipalities about 10 year Plan.
- Developed a six page informational document on the watershed and it's 10 year plan.

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Construction of Rain Garden at the JC Hormel Nature Center



A rain garden is a garden with a depression that is designed to catch rainwater runoff. Rain gardens soak up rain where it falls. They slow storm water runoff and filters pollutants in the process. This rain garden treats the water coming off the Nature Center parking lot.

This demonstration site for a rain garden had several partners that helped with the funding. CRWD, JC Hormel Nature Center, Friends of the Nature Center, City of Austin, Mower County, CRWD Board of Managers, Bustad Excavating and Hansen Excavating.

Looking Ahead to the Next 2 Years

- Start and complete developing the rules for the Watershed District.
- Encourage and partner with local government and organizations on Rain Gardens projects.
- TMDL Process through 2010.
- Complete 2 year comprehensive monitoring program.
- Continue Educational Opportunities.
- Develop a streambank restoration program.
- Continue to research outside project/program funds to implement the CRWD 10 year plan.
- Work on Dobbins Creek Watershed as a priority watershed.