



# Sauk River Watershed District

**Thank You  
Volunteers**  
for all your time,  
effort and energy  
given to help  
water quality!

## **Board of Managers**

- **Jim Kral,  
Todd County**
- **Virgil Rettig,  
Meeker County**
- **Jim Rothstein,  
Stearns County**
- **Vern Vangsness,  
Todd County**
- **Larry Kuseske,  
Pope County**
- **Jason Scherping,  
Stearns County**
- **Bob Mostad,  
Douglas County**
- **Dan Coughlin  
Stearns County**
- **Richard Raeker,  
Stearns County**

## **Summer Greetings,**

This year at the Sauk River Watershed District has once again been a very busy and productive year. The Board of Managers and the staff have worked very hard, and I am proud of our organizations accomplishments. There are too many accomplishments to mention them all, so I would like to highlight a few.

We have had several recent changes to both the staff and the Board of Managers. As of December, I joined the SRWD as administrator and in May, Mike Hayman joined the staff as the ditch and permit coordinator. The Board of Managers also had two new additions. Vern Vangsness has replaced Chub Hensley in Todd County, and Jason Scherping has replaced Sharen Kutter in Stearns County. A special thank-you to the outgoing board members for their contributions to the District.

Our monitoring season has begun, and the chemical sampling and biological monitoring are both well underway. This year will be our largest monitoring season to date. Thank-you to all our volunteers; our continued monitoring success would not be possible without your time and efforts.

Our ditch and permitting has also been very busy this year. The SRWD is Ditch Authority for twelve ditches within the watershed. County ditch 15 and 26 in the Freeport area are currently going through redetermination for the benefitting areas. The viewers and engineers are busy on this project, and a public meeting is scheduled for late summer. We are also working on updating and revising our rules and expect to have the hearings late this summer.

The Ecosystem Services and Total Maximum Daily Load programs continue to be very active. Ecosystem Services is a program that the District along with our agency partners has been working on for the past year and a half. We are finalizing the protocols for this program which may offer landowners funding opportunities for installing Best Management Practices. Total Maximum Daily Load studies are in place on five impaired waterways, the results and reports will be available starting early this fall.

One of our largest shoreland restoration projects is underway for the headwaters of the Sauk River on Lake Osakis. The Battle Point Park in Todd County has over 1,700 feet of shoreline that was eroding into Lake Osakis. This project is utilizing both traditional rip-rap and newer bioengineering techniques to restore the shoreline back to native conditions

Our youth education program continues to expand and offer new programs and projects to our area schools. We will also be expanding our adult education opportunities, so watch for new workshops and opportunities in the future.

It is my goal as the administrator to meet with the groups and residents throughout the District. We will be having our summer tour on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and I encourage you to join us in visiting many of our great projects. I would also like to remind folks that the SRWD is a public organization and your input is encouraged and appreciated. Feel free to attend a Board meeting, stop in the office, or give us a call; your input is critical in the future success of the Sauk River Watershed District.

Sincerely Yours,

*Holly Kovarik*



### Tentative Agenda

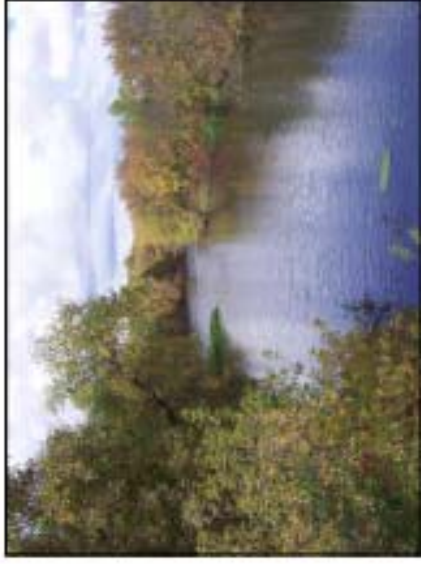
- 3:00-3:15 Registration Sinclair Lewis Park
- 3:15 Start Bus Tour (sites visited below)
- Hickman Drive Stormwater Retention Basin
- Ashley Creek Monitoring Site Co Rd 11
- County Rd 4 MPCA Dissolved Oxygen Site
- County Rd 57 Macroinvertebrate Site
- Headwaters of the Sauk River
- Battle Point Park Shoreline Restoration
- Feedlot Project
- Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds Project
- Feedlot Project
- Osakis Stormwater Ponds
- Sauk Centre Salt Shed Project

### Supper-Sinclair Lewis Park

Sauk Lake Weed Harvester Program

- Sinclair Lewis Park Shoreline Restoration
- City of Melrose Park Shoreline Restoration
- Proposed Melrose Dam Shoreline Restoration Project
- Ecosystem Services Project Presentation
- 9:00 Return to Sinclair Lewis Park

## SUMMER TOUR



**WHEN:** July 7, 2009  
**START LOCATION:** Sinclair Lewis Park,  
Sauk Centre, MN 56378  
**TIME:** 3:00 PM TO 9:00 PM  
**COST:** \$6.00 (Supper)  
**REGISTRATION:** 3:00-3:15 PM  
**RSVP:** (320) 352-2231



### Battlepoint Park Restoration



### Monitoring



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# Education

## Our Mission

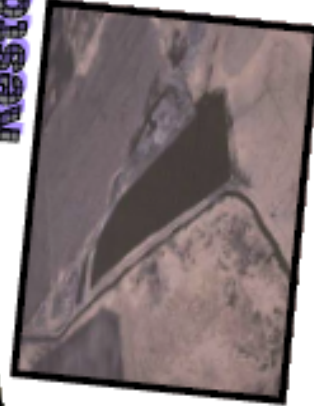
"The mission of the Sauk River Watershed District is to apply our unique abilities and authorities in ways that protect and enhance our watershed's resources for today and tomorrow."

## Our Vision

"The vision of the Sauk River Watershed District is to protect and enhance our natural resources by increasing public awareness and involvement. The District board and staff will utilize its unique authorities to expand projects and programs through technical assistance to identify impaired waters and establish TMDL's. The district will continue to pursue financial assistance for the general public to implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) and also to continue to provide support to project partners technically and financially. The District will be wise stewards of our water resources and will work along side our partners to leave the water quality better for future generations."



# Shoreline Restoration



# JD 2 Sediment Ponds

## REGISTRATION FORM

*Sauk River Watershed District Summer Tour*

July 7, 2009 Summer Tour  
Sauk Centre, Sinclair Lewis Park

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost (\$6.00 per person):  
Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Meal includes: sandwich, bag of chips, cookie, and a pop)

Please pre-register by July 3, 2009.

Limited space available so please register early.

MAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

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## Minnesota Summer Fun Facts

Minnesota has one recreational boat per every six people, more than any other state.

There are 201 Mud Lakes, 154 Long Lakes, and 123 Rice Lakes in Minnesota.

Minnesota's water drains in three directions; north to Hudson Bay in Canada, east to the Atlantic Ocean, and south to the Gulf of Mexico.

Minnesota has over 90,000 miles of shoreline; more than California, Hawaii, and Florida combined.

Water skis were invented in 1922 in Lake City .