



What We Do:

The South St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District has many programs available to help landowners reach their land protection and management goals. These programs include:

- Technical and financial assistance to help landowners control erosion and reduce sedimentation
- Wetland conservation technical assistance
- Forest stewardship assistance for owners of land of all sizes
- Conservation education
- Coordination of the Northeast Minnesota Regional Envirothon competition for high school students
- Watershed protection & restoration Projects
- Utilize state and federal programs to address local conservation and environmental concerns.

We have several different sources of financial assistance available and the technical capabilities to support these programs.

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Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

Order Deadline: April 15, 2010

The Tree & Shrub sale provides low-cost, high-quality trees to area residents. This year, we are offering 40 different trees and shrubs, and one vine. Evergreen, shrub, & wildlife variety packets are also available.

Tree pick-up is from May 13th-15th in Duluth, Two Harbors or Grand Marais. Your pick-up location must be specified on your order form.

To order, fill out the form included with this newsletter or go online to

www.southstlouisswcd.org.

Where We Work

The South St. Louis SWCD covers all land south of Township 55 within St. Louis County. The northern boundary runs from the north end of Cedar Valley Township to the north end of Pequaywan Township-approximately the southern quarter of St. Louis County.



Technical, Engineering & Financial Assistance

We provide technical & engineering assistance to landowners with a focus on protecting water quality. Past projects include streambank & lakeshore stabilization, agricultural projects, forest management, & stormwater management projects. Financial assistance is available to landowners through various cost-share programs as incentive to install **Best Management Practices** (BMPs) on their property. Contact our office for more information.

Forestry Program Administration

Forest property constitutes a large portion of South St. Louis County. Private woodlot owners play a vital role in preserving and protecting this important resource by actively managing their properties. Many opportunities exist to help woodland owners become good stewards of their land. Whether your goals are to promote wildlife, realize income from forest products, encourage clean water and air, improve hunting and recreation, or simply to enjoy the natural beauty of your forest, the following services and programs are available to you:

- Forest Stewardship Planning
- Property Tax Assistance
- Community Forest Resource Center (CFRC)
- Minnesota Forestry Association (MFA)
- Woodland Advisor Courses
- Cost Share Assistance

To find out more please call: 218-723-4865

Impaired Waters

Impaired water listings (303 d List) and the resulting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) have continued to get more and more attention. The Knife River TMDL was open for public review/comment in November 2009, and the comment period garnered more attention than expected.

There are several other area streams listed on the Impaired Waters List or 303 (d) list. You should expect to hear about TMDLs being generated for these streams in the coming years.

- Amity Creek
- French River
- Lester River
- Miller Creek
- Sucker River
- Talmadge River

As the TMDL studies begin on these streams the public will be asked to participate in TMDL development and to work towards correcting the problems in these watersheds. When the opportunity comes to participate in these studies please attend meetings and pay attention to newsletters. It is often the case that people living on these streams have valuable information that will help the TMDL development.

The TMDL process can be long, but if you want to know more about the impairments of any of these streams, or what you can do now to help please call our office.

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303 (d) List

Under section 303(d) of the 1972 Clean Water Act, states, territories, and authorized tribes are required to develop lists of impaired waters. These impaired waters do not meet water quality standards that states, territories, and authorized tribes have set for them, even after point sources of pollution have installed the minimum required levels of pollution control technology. The law requires that these jurisdictions establish priority rankings for waters on the lists and develop TMDLs for these waters.