

Turtle Creek Watershed District

2007- A Year in Review

Activities

- 72 Permits were issued for tiling, ditch cleanout, relocate gas main, 2 wetland restorations and 1 pond.
- Monitored 4 sites for flow, transparency, suspended solids, nitrates, phosphorus and fecal coliform.
- Developed a Policy Handbook that included incentives, grass strips, and weed control.
- Retained an accounting firm to take over the bookkeeping.
- Supported DNR and Ducks Unlimited on the new dam and fish barrier.
- Partnered with Cedar River WD and Shellrock WD to start the TMDL for Turbidity
- Contracted with Mower SWCD for Administrative Services.
- Worked with the Deer Creek landowners to petition a private ditch into public ditch.
- Ditch Maintenance
 - 6 silo removals, ditch bank and inlet repair, tree removal, and ditch cleanouts.
- Grass strip inspection on 1\3 of JD 24.
- Hosted a legislative tour highlighting project areas and programs.
- Partnered with NRCS to solve a long-time erosion challenge on the Wayne Miller property.
- Applied and Received Clean Water Legacy funding for low-interest septic system loans.

Wayne Miller Project
in Moscow Township

Before



After



Dennis Distad
speaking at the
Legislative Tour

Looking ahead to 2008.....

- Inventory the next 1\3 of JD 24 for the one rod grass strip.
- Mailings to control weeds on JD24.
- Construction of the Riceland Restoration Project.
- Continue to look at other priority sites for flood reduction.
- Develop a report on monitoring done in 2006 and 2007.
- The first year of 3 year project for developing the TMDL for turbidity.
- Work with Freeborn and Mower County on replacing non-compliant ISTS with Clean Water Legacy Funding.
- Work with Deer Creek Watershed Landowners in their petition process.

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