

BIG SANDY AREA LAKES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT

[Covering portions of Aitkin, Carlton, and St. Louis Counties]



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Water Quality Improvement Projects for the Big Sandy Watershed Clean Water Fund Grant (2010- 2014)

Grant Amount:	\$ 33,900.00
Total Grant Funds Spent:	\$ 29,534.20
Grant Funds Unspent:	\$ 4,365.80

Local Clean Water Fund Success!

The Big Sandy Area Lakes Watershed Management Project has recently completed implementation of a Clean Water Fund Grant that was received in 2010. Through this grant project partners were able to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners throughout the watershed who were interested in protecting water resources. The following projects were installed utilizing grant funds:

- A runoff management and shoreland revegetation project at the Cromwell City Park on Island Lake
- Two Shoreland Stabilization Projects – both on Lake Minnewawa
- One Snowmobile Access Stabilization Project on Big Sandy Lake



- Five Shoreland Revegetation Projects – Four on Big Sandy Lake, and One on Horseshoe Lake
- Three Rain Gardens – on Lake Minnewawa, in McGregor, and in Tamarack

GRANT CATEGORY	FUNDING	
Cost Share Assistance	\$ 18,620.00	55 %
Technical Services	\$ 9,438.10	28 %
Grant Administration	\$ 1,476.10	4 %
Returned / Unspent Funds	\$ 4,365.80	13 %

Legacy Funds

In 2008, Minnesota's voters passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) to the Minnesota Constitution to: protect drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve arts and cultural heritage; to support parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.



The Legacy Amendment increased the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent beginning on July 1, 2009 and continuing until 2034. The additional sales tax revenue is distributed into four funds as follows: 33 percent to the clean water fund; 33 percent to the outdoor heritage fund; 19.75 percent to the arts and cultural heritage fund; and 14.25 percent to the parks and trails fund.



Thank you to all of our partners who have helped to make this program successful!