

**ISANTI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
380 GARFIELD ST SOUTH
CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008
763-689-3224 Ext. 5**

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Isanti Conservation District is a legal Subdivision of State Government organized under provisions of Minnesota Statute 103C. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of five members nominated by the voters of Isanti County, and who are responsible for directing all District activities. The board meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month.

MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide technical, financial and educational resources to land occupiers in order to implement practices and projects that preserve, protect and enhance the soil, water quality and other natural resources.

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District Supervisors

**Wayne Calander-Chairman
Roger Larsen-Public Relations
Barb Kilpatrick-Secretary
Al Koczur-Treasurer
Ryan Carpenter-Vice Chairman**

Area of Representation

**North Branch, Isanti Twp
Maple Ridge, Stanchfield, Springvale, Dalbo Twp.
Bradford, Athens, Oxford Twp.
Cambridge Twp.
Spencer Brook, Wyanett, Stanford Twp.**

District Employees

**Mark DeMuth, Resource Conservationist
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**Annette Swanson, Administrative Assistant
annette.swanson@mn.nacdnet.net**

Cooperating Agencies

**Board of Water & Soil Resources
Jason Weinerman, Board Conservationist**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Josh Bork, District Conservationist
Soil Conservation Technician-Vacant**

**Isanti County Farm Service Agency
LeRoy Sandven, Executive Director**

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Dave Pauley, Area Wildlife Manager**

**Isanti County Zoning
Tim Anderson, Zoning Administrator
Holly Nelson, Wetland Specialist/Water Plan
Coordinator**

Isanti County Sportsmans Club

Isanti County Pheasants Forever

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Wetland Conservation Act

The Isanti Conservation District assists cities, townships, citizens, and County departments in the administration of the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. District staff provides technical and administrative assistance for wetland related activities throughout Isanti County. Common activities involved with the program include ponds, driveways, developments and wetland banking. The District has continued its commitment to ensure that staff is adequately trained and updated on current wetland rules and policy. In 2011, District staff worked on 17 wetland permit requests.

District Tree Program

The Isanti Conservation District offered for sale tree and shrub species native to Minnesota. Producers purchased the trees to plant into windbreaks, urban and rural conservation and wildlife food and habitat. Through the annual tree program the District is able to promote conservation practices and the value of forestry resources in preventing soil loss and improving water quality. The District sold over 55,000 trees in 2011.

Cost-Share Program

Provided \$55,000 in Native Buffer Cost-Share funding for Isanti County Parks to establish and/or maintain restored native prairie and restored prairie using seeds of the local ecotype.

District No-Till Seeding Program

Provided seeding for the following:

1. Alfalfa seeding----130 acres
2. No-till Soybeans—500 acres
3. Native Prairie Grasses—400 acres

Groundwater and Precipitation Monitoring Program

1. Ground water monitoring of 5 wells throughout Isanti County
2. The SWCD has 8 precipitation recorders throughout Isanti County . Working with the State Climatology office, the data collected provides citizens and the State of Minnesota with important precipitation information and weather history.