



EAST OTTER TAIL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Irrigation Clinics

In conjunction with the Minnesota Dept of Ag the EOT SWCD held an Irrigation Clinic in February. Over 30 local producers attending and heard programs on Irrigation Water Management Considerations on Sandy Soils, Adaptive Nitrogen Management, and participated in a Hands on Demonstration on How to Determine Soil Moisture. This clinic will be duplicated in 3 different areas of the state next year.

Lake Assessment Projects

The EOT SWCD has applied for a grant through the BWSR Clean Water Funds to do GIS Assessments on 21 area lakes using LiDAR data that has just recently become available. These assessments will be presented to the cooperating Lake Association and eventually incorporated into the County Local Comprehensive Water Plan.



Adaptive Nitrogen Management

Through an agreement with The Minnesota Dept. of Ag the EOT SWCD will be offering guided corn stalk nitrogen testing for growers in a five county area in 2011. The goal of this project is to reduce the amount of nitrates applied to the crop and maintain healthy crop yields. Participating Producers will be provided with in field information on the efficiency of the use of nitrogen by the corn crop in 2011. Participants will be required to attend a winter producer meeting that will be held to discuss the results of the project.



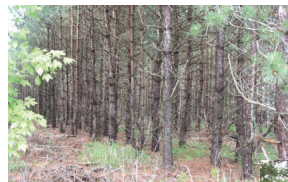
2011 Activities

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Forest and Habitat Management

In cooperation with the Minnesota Forest Resource Council (MFRC) and the Wadena SWCD the EOT SWCD will be working on a project promoting active management of the high quality hardwoods stands located in Otter Tail and Wadena Counties. This project is being funded through a US Forest Service Grant awarded to the MFRC.



Otter Tail County Lakeshore Owner Stewardship Guidebook

In cooperation with the Otter Tail County COLA this guidebook has been developed to promote good stewardship of the lakeshore in Otter Tail County. County Lake Associations will be distributing copies of the guidebooks to shoreland owners on their lakes. Funding to print the Guidebook is coming from several different partners include funds provide to the Shoreland Buffer Initiative funded by the DNR with funds provided from the LCCMR.