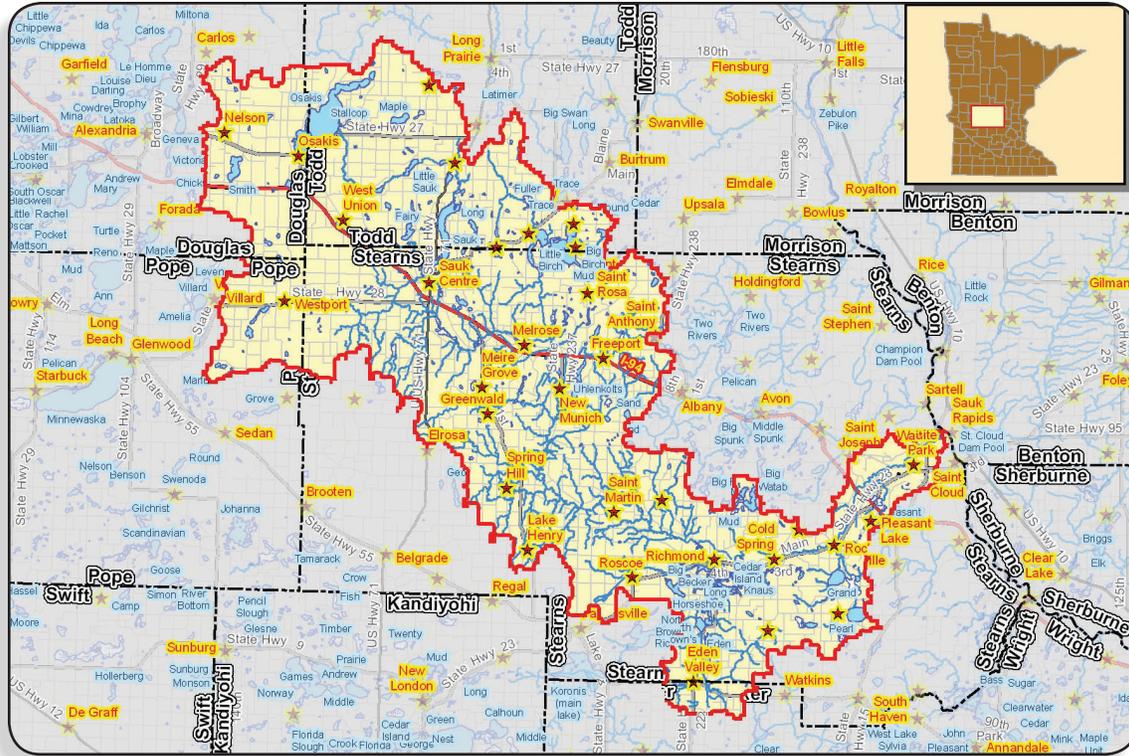


# Sauk River

## WATERSHED DISTRICT



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: 1986  
by Lake Association petition

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Included Counties: Stearns, Todd, Pope,  
Douglas, Meeker

District Size: 1,041 square miles

Major Lakes: Osakis, Big Sauk, Big  
Birch, Little Birch, Smith, Pearl, Grand,  
Big Fish, Cedar Island, Horseshoe,  
Maple, Fairy

Sauk River: 120 miles

Number of Staff: 7

2008 Total Market Value (TMV):  
\$6,574,959,500

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Jim Kral	President	Todd	11947 St. Hwy 27, Osakis, MN	(320) 859-2211
Chub Hensley	Vice-President	Todd	PO Box 456, Osakis MN	(320) 859-3188
Sharen Kutter	Treasurer	Stearns	43892 Sylvia Crest Rd, Melrose, MN	(320) 256-5177
Virgil Rettig	Secretary	Meeker	394 Central Ave W, Eden Valley, MN	(320) 453-6841
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Jim Rothstein	Manager	Stearns	PO Box 217 286 Park Ave, St. Martin, MN	(320) 548-3647

## RECENT PROJECTS

**Comprehensive Water Monitoring** — in 2008 the District expanded its monitoring program to 33 lakes and 40 streams in collaboration with other agencies (Stearns Soil and Water Conservation District, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Stearns County Environmental Services).

**District-Wide Water Festivals** — every fourth-grade student within the SRWD and Stearns County had an opportunity to attend a Water Fest.

**Osakis Lake Shoreland Demonstration Project** — under the guidance of the District, three lakeshore owners restored their shoreline that had been eroding due to high water levels. The demonstration project covered about 350 feet of linear lakeshore and about 12,500 square feet of planting area. Significant boat traffic near a public access made this location a perfect spot for a demonstration, and it started a chain reaction.

**Hickman Drive Stormwater Retention Basin** — the District has been working with the City of Sauk Centre for many years in addressing stormwater. Monitoring results had indicated that the stormwater discharge point located along Hickman Drive contributed the most nutrients. The District worked with the city and its contract engineer to design a stormwater retention basin to collect the sediment and debris before discharging to Sauk Lake. Space was limited; therefore, an “S” shaped design was installed to provide longer retention time thus increasing sediment reduction. The District cost-shared 50% of the project utilizing grant funds from the Big Sauk Lake Basin Restoration Project.

**Hydrology Study on Stoney Creek** — in 2005 the District worked with the Spring Hill Township officials to address flooding concerns. Interfluvies consulting was contracted to do a hydrologic survey and to recommend possible flooding remediation. The results of the study are being reviewed by the township.

**RiverCat by SonTek** — the District purchased this new river profiling system, which allows them to collect high-flow measurements in unwadeable rivers and streams.

**Macro Sampling** — multi-habitat sampling was conducted on the Upper Sauk region for two years.

**Employees** — the District hired two full-time employees to fill the Education (Adam Hjelm) and Monitoring (Heather Lehmkuhl) Coordinator’s position.



*The “S” shape of the Hickman Drive Stormwater Retention Basin provides longer retention time thus increasing sediment reduction.*

## FUTURE PROJECTS

**Water Quality Trading** — the District and Stearns SWCD are collaborating with American Farmland Trust and Kieser & Associates to develop an environmental commodities service office. The office will provide farmers with value-added payments for best management practices (BMPs) using several existing and future private markets, including water quality trading, carbon credits for greenhouse gases, and wetland banking.

**TMDL’s** — the District is in the process of completing five major TMDL studies.

**Battle Point Park** — the Battle Point Park Restoration Project proposes to restore 950 feet of shoreline using native vegetation and other bioengineering materials. The SRWD is working with the Todd County Park Board, local environmental agencies and the Joint Powers Engineers to address the identified erosion concerns.

**Drainage Ditch Management** — the District plans to evaluate the 12 ditches within its jurisdiction for water quality analysis, mapping and inventory, and starting maintenance fund assessments.

**Rules** — the District will finalize rule revisions.

### 2007 EXPENDITURES

Total 2007 Expenditures	\$1,644,833
Management / General Administrative	\$406,800
Data Collection / Monitoring	\$95,033
Permitting / Regulatory Programs	\$30,000
Projects / Implementation	\$1,113,000