Brown’s Creek Watershed District:
Working with the Community to Preserve and Improve the Quality of the District’s Water and Natural Resources

The Brown’s Creek Watershed District (BCWD) is the governmental unit with primary responsibility for protecting the water resources of the Brown’s Creek Watershed. The District was established in 1997 under the Minnesota Watershed District Act. The District includes portions of the Cities of Oak Park Heights, Grant, Hugo, Lake Elmo, and Stillwater along with portions of May and Stillwater Townships. The upper portion of the District is largely rural with farms, large-lot development and undeveloped grassland, cropland and forestland dominant. The lower portion of the District includes rapidly developing urban areas within the Cities of Stillwater and Oak Park Heights.

The District covers approximately 30 square miles within Washington County that drain into Brown’s Creek, which then enters the St. Croix River. The watershed includes Brown’s Creek—a DNR designated trout stream, and several small tributaries. Brown’s Creek has been listed as impaired. A TMDL and implementation plan has been completed to identify ways to reduce total suspended solids and high temperatures to the creek.

The watershed includes twelve major lakes and numerous wetlands. Several of the lakes have been listed as impaired for excess nutrients, including Long, Goggins, North & South School Section and Lynch.

For More Information – Contact the District Administrator:  
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District Consultants (selected in 2013 Biennial Solicitation):
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August 27, 2013 - Joint BCWD Board and CAC Meeting to develop 2014 Budget and workplan and assessed the progress of the 2013 workplan.

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Highlights of 2013 Accomplishments & 2014 Planned Projects

2014 - Northern Chain Lakes Management Plan to address excess nutrients in Lynch, North & South School Section, Plaisted and Goggins Lakes.

Countryside TSS Reduction – 2013 Design and 2014 Install: Collaboration with the MN DNR Trails to reduce sediment to Brown’s Creek with an underground treatment chamber.


Brown’s Creek Stream Rehabilitation – 2013 Design and 2014 Install: Collaboration with the MN DNR Trails to reduce sediment to Brown’s Creek by creating floodplain and realigning trail.

Neal Ave Neighborhood Raingardens – 2013 Design & 2014 Install to reduce sediment and runoff temperatures to Brown’s Creek.


2013 Lake Water Quality Report Card

Bass Lake East – B
Goggins’ – D
Bass Lake West – C+
Lynch North & South – D
Benz Lake – C-
Pat – C
Neal Ave
Long – C
Wood Pile Lake – B
Kismet Basin – C+
Masterman – C