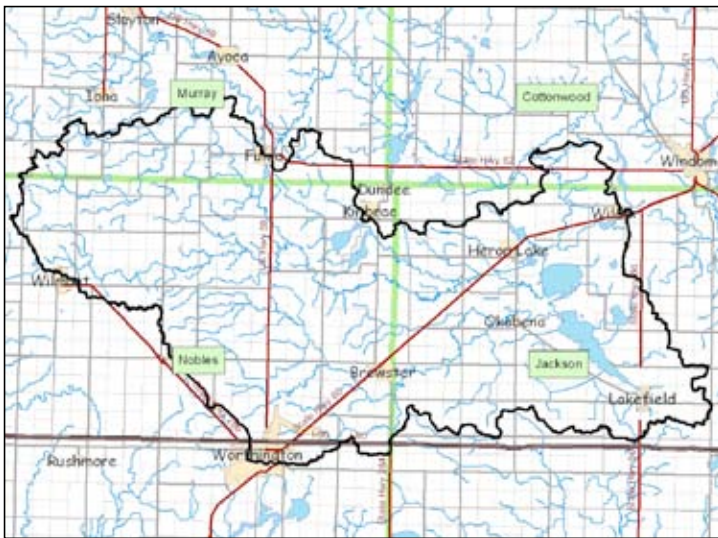


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## Map of the Heron Lake Watershed District



Please contact us with your questions or concerns!  
Telephone 507-793-2462; Email [hlwd@roundlk.net](mailto:hlwd@roundlk.net)

Interested in a loan for conservation tillage equipment, best management practice installation, or septic systems?

The HLWD has \$123,658.22 available!

If the funds are not used by our residents within the time frame allowed, the HLWD has to return them to the State of Minnesota. Please take advantage of these low-interest loans!

The deadline for using this money is April 29, 2007.

For further information, contact Jan Voit at the HLWD office.



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## Upcoming Events

April 17, 2007

Heron Lake Watershed District Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. at the HLWD office

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## *Why all the rules and regulations?*

Dealing with water issues can be challenging. Too much water, not enough water, runoff from agricultural land, runoff from cities, construction site and lakeshore erosion, the list goes on and on. These issues are also the cause of the blame game - it's always someone else's problem, but certainly not mine!

We all realize the importance of clean water. More importantly, we need to realize our individual responsibility toward clean water. Because of the great need to improve the water quality within the watershed, the Heron Lake Watershed District established rules and regulations. These rules provide requirements for landowners during and after construction that will help to reduce sediments and nutrients discharging to our districts' lakes and streams.

Implementing these rules and regulations helps you help us improve water quality in the Heron Lake Watershed.

## *What activities require permits?*

Watershed residents are required to obtain permits for the following activities:

- Installation of agricultural best management practices that require land alteration including surface tile intakes, terraces, waterways, and diversions that have not been designed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service or Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Installation of new surface tile intakes and catch basins.
- Disposal of snow within the shore impact zone.
- The installation or creation of impervious surface. District rules regulation impervious surfaces and the permit process therefore are located in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** of the HLWD rules. These rules are located on our website at <http://www.hlwdonline.org/Rules.html>.
- Earth moving projects involving more than 200 cubic yards of excavation or fill; or which disturbs more than 10,000 square feet of soil, and which project, or any part thereof, is located:
  - within 300 feet of a stream, storm sewer catch basin, drainage tile intake or a wetland; or,
  - within 1,000 feet of a lake.
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The appendices regulate impervious surfaces and earth moving projects. Appendix A regulates projects one acre or larger. Appendix B regulates sites under an acre meeting the 200 cubic yard or 10,000 square feet threshold and location requirements.

**If you foresee a building project (new home or business, addition to an existing home or business, etc.) within the watershed district, please contact the HLWD office during the planning process to avoid project delays.**

## *HLWD receives Governor's MnGREAT Award*

Outstanding environmental projects and programs throughout the state are honored each year by recognition at the highest level through the Governor's Awards program.

The Governor's MnGREAT Awards (Minnesota Government Reaching Environmental Achievements Together) recognize environmental achievements by government employees or groups of employees in the areas of pollution prevention, toxicity reductions, conservation of energy and water, recycling, and composting.

This year's winners have demonstrated that pollution prevent programs can be both environmentally and economically beneficial and that improving our environment and increasing resource efficiency is a win-win strategy for all Minnesotans.

The HLWD is proud to announce that they are a winner of the Governor's MnGREAT Award in the pollution prevention category for their **WATER** (Watershed Assistance Through Education and Resources) program. The HLWD received this prestigious award at the MnGREAT Awards ceremony held on February 28, 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota.



L to R: Chris Bauer, Jan Voit, Don Shelby, WCCO, MPCA Commissioner Brad Moore, Kelli Daberkow, and Melanie Luinenburg. Not pictured: Ross Behrends.