

## WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

**Ground Water Studies** - Shallow aquifers are the primary drinking water source in South Dakota. WDDs have long supported efforts to better define the areal extent and nature of these resources, and then apply this information to the development of pro-active measures to protect and preserve these critical water resources for both current and future District residents.

**Watershed Protection & Restoration** - Watershed assessment studies better define the conditions that impact water quality and quantity, identify the likely cause(s) of any impairments, and develop best management practices (BMPs) for addressing problems and to establish appropriate total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). Restoration projects implement these BMPs through voluntary cooperative efforts with land owners, with WDDs providing both technical and cost-share assistance to improve or maintain water quality and reduce the impact of high-flow events.

**Children's Water Festivals** - Each year, 4th grade students all across the state are invited to attend a multi-topic, interdisciplinary, one-day water "science fair." Students apply their water education knowledge from the classroom to "real life" situations in a fun, interactive environment. Since 1993, these events have provided the youth of South Dakota with a better understanding of the importance of water.

**Engineering Studies** - Cost-share assistance is provided to evaluate the condition of public water, waste water and storm sewer systems, dam and levee design and maintenance, and other engineering efforts. WDDs support local efforts to identify and address infrastructure problems (and solutions) before they become critical and costly.

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