



2008 Accomplishments

- ◆ Applied for and received an \$18,000 Surface Water Assessment Grant to conduct sophisticated water monitoring on the Flute Reed for two years.
- ◆ Fulfilled the grant requirements with 18 water sampling events, including lab samples submitted and data sent to the MPCA (Minn Pollution Control Agency). Also deployed temperature probes at 7 sites and retrieved data.
- ◆ 25 paid members joined in our first year of formal membership!
- ◆ Planted about 400 white spruce and white pine trees along the river. The white pine are protected from deer with 6 foot fencing.
- ◆ Won the "Water Monitoring Program of the Year" award sponsored by Minnesota Waters - a state-wide nonprofit working on lake and river issues.
- ◆ Sponsored and put on four successful workshops in Hovland on tree planting, trail design, tree identification and controlling erosion.
- ◆ Expanded our Citizens Stream monitoring program.
- ◆ Advocated and got the county to cap the old well by North Road that was leaking hard, brackish water into the river and also causing erosion.
- ◆ Held a meeting with the DNR hydrologist and the Cook County highway engineer to express our concerns with erosion at the new bridge site on North Road. Got ideas to help situation. Now need \$2,000.
- ◆ Made new connections and established relationships with some more landowners in the watershed.