Local Watershed Districts join in efforts to stimulate education with assistance from the “Red River Water Management Board’s Outreach Program”

The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District and the Red Lake Watershed District are excited to announce the installation of informational kiosks at four flood retention sites and 1 within Agassiz Audubon located within Marshall and Polk County.

The Watershed Districts primary purpose is to maintain agricultural drainage systems and flood reduction/prevention. This is accomplished by the use of impoundment sites that serve as multiple purpose projects which include high quality habitat for flora and fauna and naturally vegetated intermittent water courses that include hundreds of acres of restored prairie. The locations of these impoundments have created an opportunity to be used for public recreation and education, including trails and observation areas.

Each informational panel highlights a purpose. “Reducing Floods Creating Habitat” introduces visitors on how impoundments work while creating habitat for birds and wildlife. “Tallgrass Aspen Parkland” discusses the transition zones between prairie and forest. “Wetland Birds” tells the story of how impoundments provide a variety of water depths attractive to a wide array of birds. “Grassland Birds” depicts how the native grasses and flowers found within impoundments sites provide abundant seeds and insects for foraging and nesting.

The informational kiosks have been designed with chimneys that stand over 15 feet high. These are intended to provide habitat for Chimney Swifts, which is a species of bird designated by the DNR as a “Species in Greatest Conservation Need in Minnesota.” Numerous colorful pictures display birds and wildlife visitors may see on any given trip to the sites.

The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District and the Red Lake Watershed District would like to thank all the partners who have contributed to this project. Further recognition goes out to the Red River Water Management Board for funding the final printing and installation phase of the project.
Location of informational kiosks include:

**Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project**
5 miles east of Warren on 280th Ave NW and 1 miles south of Warren on 210th ST NW.

**Agassiz Audubon**
5 miles east of Warren on 280th Ave NW and 3 miles south of Warren on 190th ST NW.

**Brandt-Angus Impoundment**
2 miles south of Angus on US HWY #75 and 2.5 miles east of Angus on 120th St NW.

**Euclid East Impoundment**
1 miles east of Euclid on County Road #19.

**Parnell Impoundment**
4.5 miles south of Euclid on US HWY #75 and 2.5 miles east on County Road #17.