

County Ditch 28 Activities

This is a partial list of actions taken by the Drainage Authority to maintain the drainage ditch.

- 2015 partnership with the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District, Friends of Two Rivers Lake, the City of Albany and RESPEC engineering to determine clean water mitigation and opportunities to hold water to help with lake flooding. The Soil and Water Conservation District actively seeks property owner volunteers for water ponding projects.
- 2019 Reestablishment of Records to determine elevation profile of ditch, which is a DNR requirement for any repair work.
- 2020 Engineering Conditions Report examining impacts of ditch repair
- Discussions with the Board of Soil and Water regarding re-establishing the watershed district for the Two Rivers Lake Watershed. The State advised that it would not support bringing the watershed district back.
- Order to remove fish trap at the Two Rivers Lake Outlet
- 2023 Redetermination of Drainage Benefits which is in progress
- Order to Snow Flyers to raise bridge out of water
- Holdingford Trestle Bridge clean out
 - Metal railroad debris removal
 - Old wood pilons (3 feet tall) removal to prevent catching debris
 - Removal of trees overhanging water
- Recent 2025 Activities
 - Beaver Dam removal
 - Inspection by boat from lake outlet to Holdingford
 - Inspection of Snow Flyers bridge
 - Tree trimming for the purpose of keeping channel open
 - Actively working on DNR permission to harvest weeds between Two Rivers Lake and Mud Lake
 - The week of June 30, 2025, Stearns County Survey Crew has been onsite five times to inspect and remove debris from the Co Rd 17 culverts and trestle bridge. Stearns County Highway has been onsite two times with an excavator to remove debris from the Co Rd 17 culverts.

Resources

YouTube video explaining the engineering results of what would happen if excavation to remove sediment from the ditch were to happen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UX6L6Zs9WQY&t=457s>

YouTube video explaining what the Redetermination of Benefits project is.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF-NF9CGXIE>

Proposed Repair and Engineering information webpage

https://gis.co.stearns.mn.us/Ditches/CD28/CD28_2020.html

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