

2010 Poster Contest

The 2009-2010 theme for the annual Brown SWCD Poster Contest was “**Trees—Rooted In Our Future**”. The theme focused on Minnesota’s trees and how they relate to our environmental, economic, and aesthetic future. An acre of young trees can produce enough oxygen to keep eighteen people alive. Trees evaporate moisture through transpiration, cooling the surrounding air. Each 100 foot width of trees can absorb about 6-8 decibels of sound intensity.



Environmental Future

The quality of our environment is greatly influenced by our trees. As follows, trees provide:

- clean air to breathe
- barriers against noise pollution and the wind
- protection and nutrients for the soil
- control of the distribution of water
- habitat for birds and wildlife.

Economic Future

Trees not only protect our soil and water but also are a major Minnesota crop. They provide increased property value and lumber for building supplies. Trees provide cellulose for paper and fiber; nuts, mulches, oils, gums, syrups and fruits. We are surrounded by the products of trees daily.

Aesthetic Future

Trees satisfy human needs for beauty, quiet, and diversity. Many people gain a sense of well-being while in a park or other location of trees.

Brown SWCD received 68 posters this year. All of which were submitted by students of Washington Elementary in New Ulm. Each poster entrant received an evergreen tree seedling for participating with cash prizes for the top three winners. Selected to advance to the area competition were: **Jordan Poehler**, **Gunnar Cowing**, and **Karen Chen**.

Brown SWCD is happy to report Jordan Poehler’s poster received second place upon advancing to the area level! Congratulations Jordan!