

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS, WATER QUALITY (cont'd)

(1) The Alexandria Lakes Area Sanitary District processes the sewage from Alexandria and residents from several surrounding lakes to a safe and a less nutrient level before discharging into one of the lakes, thereby upgrading the quality of the lakes.

(2) The carp control project covering all the lakes and streams in Douglas County. This takes in the Chippewa and Long Prairie Watershed area and is called the Chippewa-Long Prairie Headwaters Fish & Wildlife Development Project.

(3) The Douglas SWCD, in cooperation with farmers, have designed many barnyard runoff control structures and manure storage structures.

These projects and others are contributing remarkably to the betterment of the quality of the water in Douglas County.

WESMIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT -by Julian Loken, Reporter

The goals of the WesMin Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) are to:

- (1) Improve economic conditions and the standard of living in the area.
- (2) Conserve, develop, improve, and properly utilize our natural resources.
- (3) Improve the community, its services, facilities and cultural opportunities
- (4) Achieve a balanced relationship between human and natural resources.
- (5) Complete ground water studies.
- (6) Establish one marketing and/or processing facility for specialty crops within the WesMin area by 1985.
- (7) Better forest management.
- (8) Improve and enlarge fish and wildlife habitat. Develop more recreation areas.
- (9) Increase recreation trails.

The Chippewa-Long Prairie Headwaters Fish and Wildlife Improvement Project presently has fifteen rough fish control structures with four more structures to be completed by fall 1980.

WINNING FARMER: Kakac Farms, from south of Alexandria, was named Douglas County's top "Conservation Farmer" for 1980. Kakac Farms, a family operation, has participated in conservation programs on their farms for the the past 10 years. Some of the practices include minimum tillage, field wind-breaks, irrigation management, and field drainage.