

Resource Report Card

Southeast MN Trout Stream Management

GOAL 1

Provide diverse angling opportunities so that a broad range of experiences are available to anglers.



Angling opportunities

ACCOMPLISHMENT HIGHLIGHTS: 2004-2009

- Acquired 20.26 miles of angling easements on 20 streams.
- Reintroduced native brook trout in 17 streams (31.8 stream miles).
- Implemented tiered trout fishing regulations to increase angling opportunities.
- Increased miles of wild brown trout waters by 23%, allowing a nearly 50% reduction in brown trout fingerlings stocked.
- Established two new urban fishing areas, supported by appropriate levels of stocking.

STRATEGIC APPROACHES: 2010-2015

- Accelerate acquisition of Aquatic Management Areas through new funding sources and dedication of staff resources to this critical activity.
- Explore simplification of angling regulations on southeast streams.
- Investigate possibilities for enhanced angling opportunities through expansion of fall and winter catch-and-release seasons and extended season in state parks.
- Continue evaluation and fine-tuning of brown trout stocking relative to natural reproduction; accelerate wild brook trout re-introductions.

