



North Dakota

Featured Project

Customer: 5th grade students
General Public

Location: Area Wide

Project Cost: \$43,522

RC&D Funding: \$16,000

Partners: SW Water Authority

Date: 9/16—9/17, 2010

Make-A-Splash Water Festival

There's an old saying that goes...*dirt is always more fun when you add water!* If you ask students attending the 11th annual Make-A-Splash Water Festival, the same could be said of science. The Festival, held September 16th and 17th at the Dickinson Rec Center, offers hands-on educational activities about the importance of water and water quality.

This year's two-day Festival sported twelve stations where participants could explore the physical properties of water as well as water related pollution and conservation. The event is a bit formal during the day, as 5th grade students from area schools participate in up-to four stations.

Dakota West RC&D sponsored the *Pollution Solutions* station, where a ground water model demonstrates aquifers and their interaction with surface water, including potential pollution points of entry.

The evening of September 16th features Family Night, which is open to the public and in addition to the stations, features additional games and rides. "Everybody can come and have a good time and learn about water," said Southwest Water Authority CEO Mary Massad. "If it was on tomorrow, I would come back," said one area student.

This year's festival drew 310 students from thirteen area schools, while 523 attended Family Night. In addition to sponsoring the *Pollution Solutions* station, Dakota West RC&D is one of several sponsors of Make-A Splash, organized each year by Southwest Water Authority.



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