



# Northern Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council

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## Restoring the New Rockford Reservoir

In 2007 the New Rockford-Sheyenne School District acquired the New Rockford Reservoir and picnic area under a 99 year lease from the city of New Rockford. The school district quickly set to work on locating funds to restore the reservoir. The first grant received, through Montana Dakota Utilities, was used to hire Hanson Design Associates to create a landscape map of the area and a design plan for restoration. Through funding from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the "Save Our Lakes" Program the school was able to install a solar powered aeration system, regrade the banks to reduce cattail numbers, build up the road in to the reservoir, restructure the shorelines, build and install a fishing pier, and hire a scuba diver to fix the inlet pipe. The State Health Department is conducting water quality testing on the reservoir. A North Dakota Game and Fish OWLS Grant, Eddy County Soil Conservation District and North Dakota Forest Service provided financial assistance and resources for the planting of over 250 trees by students on Arbor Day 2010. WDAZ was on hand that day to do a story on the project. Much of the project work has been completed by students, to date New Rockford-Sheyenne students have logged over a thousand volunteer hours on the project.



*Students installing Erosion Control Blanket.*

*Students renovating picnic shelter.*

### **Project Partners:**

City of New Rockford  
New Rockford-Sheyenne School District  
Montana Dakota Utilities  
Resource Foundation  
ND Game & Fish Dept.  
ND State Health Dept.  
ND Forest Service  
NRCS Plant Materials  
Hanson Design Associates  
Eddy County SCD  
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*Students planting trees on Arbor Day.*



*Students and teachers installing the solar powered aeration system.*



*Renovation work was completed by local a contractor.*

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