



North Dakota Highlights



Good for Cattle, Good for Water A landowner signed an easement allowing public access to approximately 6,800 feet of Braddock Lake shoreline (Emmons Co.). The agreement limits livestock access to the lake in the easement area, allowing “flash grazing” each year for a limited duration. North Dakota Department of Game and Fish (NDGF) agreed to pay for and install fencing along the easement and installed two cattle guards. The cattle guards make it difficult for livestock to reach the lake and provide a barrier to keep them from reaching the nearby highway.

Upstream Protection, Better Water Quality Downstream \$40,000 in easements were purchased in partnership with the Ransom County Soil Conservation Districts 319 program on Dead Colt Creek (Ransom Co.). Over four miles of stream (both sides) upstream from the reservoir were buffered, providing protection to stream species and delivering better water quality to Dead Colt Creek Dam.

Water Level Management to Benefit a Fishery NDGF improved the efficiency of a water control structure on Cedar Lake (Slope Co.). This project, completed early winter 2010, allow the district fisheries biologist to more effectively control water levels to help manage the fishery.

Keeping Common Carp from Becoming Common Large and frequent water level fluctuations of 20-40 feet occur every few hundred years on Devils Lake (Ramsey Co.), a ,150,000 acre lake (+100,000 acres in past 18 years) located in NE North Dakota. Rising water levels threatened to connect the Devils Lake watershed with a watershed infested with common carp. A berm in between the Devils Lake and Pembina River drainages keeps common carp from entering the Devils Lake watershed. This project took 6 years to complete working with local landowners and county water resource boards.

Hooking Anglers with Urban Fisheries Small lakes located in urban settings provide a unique opportunity for anglers to fish where they live, notably young anglers. NDGF has improved lakes in ten municipalities, providing fishing opportunities to those who don’t have a fishery close by. Rehabilitation activities to improve angling success are important to attract and maintain new anglers.



Photo: Young anglers enjoy angling on New Rockford Pond. NDGF.

Other highlights include:

- Trees were planted to protect and stabilize Mt. Carmel & Nygren Dam (Morton Co.) shorelines.
- A weir (dry dam) was installed above Dickinson Dike (Stark Co.) to slow stormwater flows from city streets in order to keep silt, nutrients, garbage and other pollutants from entering the lake.
- Riparian buffers were established along Pipestem Creek to improve water quality entering Pipestone Dam. Easements were established in partnership with Stuttsman Co. SCD.
- Lake mapping data were collected, creating of highly accurate lake contour maps.
- A sediment dam on Lake Hoskins (McIntosh Co.) was repaired, improving water quality.
- Established angler access to 1,200 feet of East and West Arroda Lakes (Oliver Co.).