

City Fights Pollution in 2008

Public Works Staff Keep it Clean

Staff from the Worthington Parks and Street Departments have worked hard in 2008 to improve the quality of runoff entering the City's waterways and Lake Okabena. Listed here some of their accomplishments.

New and Improved Street Sweeper

The Street Department began using a new regenerative air street sweeper this spring. The highly efficient sweeper removes up to 93 percent of the dirt and debris from roadways. The sweeper even removes up to 74% of the very fine particles that contain water polluting nutrients.

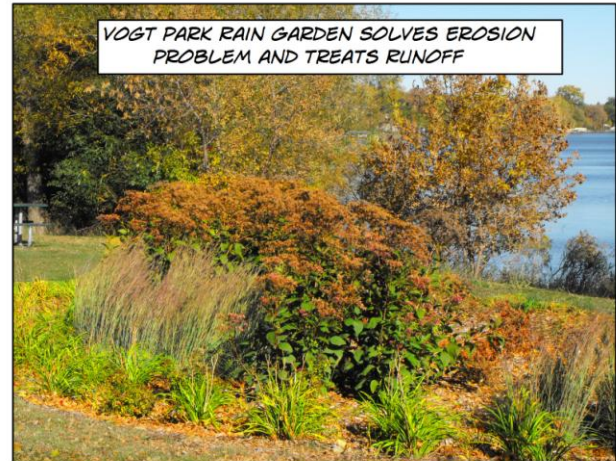


The sweeper will result in cleaner streets and better water quality into the future.

Vogt Park Rain Garden

Working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Parks Department installed a rain garden in Vogt Park. Previously, rain water ran off the

parking lot directly toward Lake Okabena creating a gully and carrying sediment to the lake. The rain garden now intercepts and stores runoff and removes sediment.



Covered Trash Bins

With the help of the Lake Okabena Improvement Association, 32 new covered trash bins were purchased and installed in City parks. The covers keep trash in place during the strongest winds and the bin's concrete footings keep them from blowing over. The new bins will reduce the amount of blowing trash in parks, streets and Lake Okabena.

