

## **From the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District:**

### ***Water quality improvement awards raised to \$500***

The Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District, in conjunction with the Citizens Advisory Board, will be awarding up to four \$500 cash prizes to projects in the watershed district that help improve the water quality. Have you recently completed a water quality or stormwater management project on your residential or agricultural property? Do you reside in the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District? If so, you may be eligible to win one of four Water Quality Improvement Awards for \$500. Projects do not need to be on the lake to qualify, as any area in the watershed district can impact water quality -- so if you're interested in doing a project (or have completed a project recently), we welcome you to apply.

Examples of winning best management practices (BMPs) last year include raingardens and shoreline restorations. This year, the program is being expanded to agricultural practices, such as installing filter strips, cover crops, grassed waterways, or conducting variable rate application and nutrient management.

According to Jodi See and Elizabeth Schramm, co-founders of the Water Quality Improvement Award, a project of the District's Citizens Advisory Committee,

the District wants to recognize examples of good water stewardship and demonstrate that anyone can install best management practices (BMPs) that will protect our water resources. The deadline for the application is Sept. 15, 2017. For more information, an application, and to read about projects awarded in 2016, go to the District's website at [www.plslwd.org](http://www.plslwd.org) and click on "Get Involved—and then Water Quality Improvement Award."