

Envision 2035

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SD Game, Fish and Parks in
Minnehaha County

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- 13 Game Production Areas
- 2,531 acres
- Paid \$10,904 in property taxes in 2010



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- GPA acreage composition:
- 1721 acres water
- 658 acres grass upland
- 126 acres woodland
- Range in size from 12 to 489 acres



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- GPA's are identified with yellow signs.
- Purpose is to provide WL habitat and public hunting and recreation opportunity.



Challenges

- Distribution of GPA's.
- Decreasing upland acreage.
- Loss of open space/encroaching development.



Minnehaha County Lakes, Rivers and Streams

- Managed fisheries in 18 waters totaling 3,000 surface acres
- Big Sioux River and tributaries



Shoreline Development



- unstable, hastens erosion, contributes to poor water quality



- little fish and wildlife habitat

- stable, prevents erosion, improves water quality



- provides fish and wildlife habitat



Water Quality

- declining water depths
- agricultural, urban and lakeshore residential runoff



Need for Water-based Recreation

- urban and community fisheries
- opportunities to improve existing waters or create new waters



Aquatic Nuisance Species

Bighead and
silver carp



Brittle naiad and
curly-leaf pondweed

