

## **Spruce and Pine Tree Planting**



**A tree planting by Gabe Davidson, Bob Henry and Jeff Henry on approximately 2.6 acres of Jim Schwebel's land on the northeast corner of Granite Lake. This project was initiated by Gabe working with Minnesota Department of Forestry and approved by Jim Schwebel and the willingness of John Uecker, who was farming this acreage to give it up. This project adds another level of protection to the water quality of Granite Lake by reducing farm field runoff along the inlet that drains into the lake on the**

**northeast corner. It took a cooperative effort by everyone involved to make this happen. Thanks to everyone!**

**Approximately 750-800 trees, consisting mostly of pine and spruce with a few oaks and maples along the border of the field, were planted during the last two weeks of May 2006. Initially adequate moisture was available to allow the trees to start a growth cycle, but as the summer wore on, less moisture became available and excessively stressed the trees, resulting in a die off. It is estimated that one out of fifteen tree plantings survived. A closer assessment needs to be made on the number of replacement plantings required to bring the project back to its intended goal. The Association intends to step in and put this project back on goal.**