



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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RE: Watonwan Watershed Technician Report

Upcoming Events:

January 25 – GBERBA Technical Committee meeting, Mankato, MN
January 26 – Watonwan Watershed Citizen meeting #2, St. James, MN
February 10 – GBERBA Executive Committee meeting, Mankato, MN
February 10 – Civic Governance training, Mankato, MN

CWF – FY16 - Watonwan hDEM

Data products from the counties are continuing to be delivered to the contractor. An annual report was submitted for reporting purposes. Approximately 10% of the watershed area has a complete culvert inventory. The contractor is generating a list of culverts identified with “low” confidence that will need to be field verified by local staffs. Keep in mind that in-kind contribution documentation will be needed by counties field verifying culverts.

Watonwan Watershed Priority Management Zone

To date, 27 citizens have been interviewed. Analysis of the interviews is ongoing with additional assistance being requested by Mae Davenport and Amit Pradhananga at the University of Minnesota. The second Watonwan Watershed Citizen meeting is scheduled for January 26th in St. James, MN. The second meeting will focus more water quality and water quality science. We will ask our citizen group to respond to information compiled from citizen interview data and to presented water quality data for the Watonwan River Watershed.

Projects

Landowners in the Lake Hanska watershed are interested in a surge pond at the outlet of a ditch that enters the Lake on the west end. I will work with Brown County Ditch staff to locate any reports that may indicate the ditch’s contributions to Lake Hanska. I have also been working with the Cottonwood County GIS Specialist to identify priority areas in the GBERB as identified in the work plan of the FY17 Section 319 grant for cover crops and alternative intakes.

Reporting

I have been assisting the GBERBA Coordinators with annual/semi-annual grant reporting. Work plans for the FY17 CWF grant awards will need to be completed before work can begin.