



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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RE: Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Report

Upcoming Events:

June 23rd – Soil Health Training, Marshall, MN
June 27th – GBERBA Technical Committee meeting, Mankato, MN
July 14th – GBERBA Joint Policy-Technical meeting & tour, Mankato, MN
July 27th – RUSLE II Training, Rochester, MN

Watonwan Watershed Priority Management Zone

The contract with GBERBA to conduct the Watonwan Watershed Priority Management Zone project ends on June 30th. I have been working with Kim Musser of MSU-WRC and Paul Davis of MPCA to start strategizing how to best package and present the information that has been gleaned so far. The final month of the contract will focus on conducting interviews with demographics that we would like more information from. Final reporting is due July 31 but additional outreach materials will be developed at a later date.

Watonwan Watershed – Precision Targeting through Hydro-conditioning

Marty Mullenhauer, Cottonwood County GIS Specialist has been working with the Water Resources Center to develop a culvert verification application. A hands-on training was coordinated and held on July 13th in St. James for partners who will be doing the field verifications. The final version of the application is being field tested and is expected to be made available by the end of June. Technical support information and operating instructions will be posted to the GBERBA website under the Reports > Studies tab. Field verifications should be completed by the end of September in order to allow enough time for contractor to fulfill the remaining grant obligations.

Projects

I have been working with several landowners and land operators in Watonwan and Cottonwood counties. There are a few Ravine and Gully-funded projects that need to be constructed this fall. I am working with Chad Hildebrand in Watonwan on an MAWQCP certification for a landowner who would like to use the program to obtain Buffer Law compliance. I have done several stream erosion site visits and working on cost estimates.