



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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RE: Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Report

Upcoming Events:

September 27 – Watonwan 1W1P pre-planning meeting, Mankato, MN.
November 1-3 – BWSR Academy, Brainerd, MN
November 9 – Soil Health Day, Redwood Falls, MN
November 16 – MN River Congress, Jordan, MN

Outreach

I have been working with Cottonwood County, SWCD, and NRCS to conduct outreach efforts to area producers while they harvest crops. It's a chance to connect with people out in the fields. The producers are then given a small care package with our contact information on it. We have received several compliments on the outreach efforts.

Watonwan Watershed – Precision Targeting through Hydro-conditioning

Most of the low confidence culverts have been identified. An amendment to the contract has been drafted for approval from GBERBA. The amendment extends the contract end date to June 30, 2018 and increases the amount of funding for training.

Training

Dawn Madison has been contracted with Area 5 TSA to further technical capacity in the area. I met with Dawn and she came up with a training plan based on the goals for my position. We have worked on terrace design, toolkit, and conservation planning.

Conservation Drainage Partnership

I have been working with the GBERBA Coordinators to come up with an outreach plan to disseminate the results of our drainage partnership efforts. We have also been working with ISG to refine the WASCOD side inlet design calculator. Two trainings have been offered by ISG on the design worksheet. Full release will be in November.

Civic Engagement

I have been assisting Kim Musser of the WRC on continuing efforts for civic engagement in the Watonwan Watershed. I will continue developing outreach materials based on the PMZ results to be incorporated into the greater effort to identify watershed restoration and protection strategies. We hope to convene the citizen group that was assembled later this year to talk about next steps.

GBERBA Grants

I have been assisting the GBERBA Coordinators with grant management and organization.