



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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DATE: November 17, 2017
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RE: Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Report

Upcoming Events:

November 28 – Watershed Professionals Networking Meeting, New Ulm, MN
November 30 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team meeting, Mankato, MN
November 30 – Watonwan Watershed Community Meeting, St. James, MN
December 11 – Elink training, Mankato, MN

Watonwan Watershed – Precision Targeting through Hydro-conditioning

The amendment to extend the contract end date to June 30, 2018 and increase the amount of funding for training was approved by both GBERBA and MSU-Mankato. The field review of the “low” confidence culverts has been completed and is currently being reviewed by WRC staff. We hope to coordinate trainings with the Le Sueur/Blue Earth hydro-conditioning effort and plan those trainings soon.

Conservation Drainage Partnership

Working on a plan to disseminate the results of the conservation drainage partnership development grants. We are making some changes to the grant work plan to allow for a document to be developed that highlights some of the successes from the project and stress the need for more conservation on public drainage systems.

Civic Engagement

Document development is ongoing. I am relying on Kim Musser at the WRC for aesthetics of some documents and will request assistance from the U of M to help frame up the importance of the Banker in the conservation universe. We are having another meeting at the end of the month to touch base with the citizen group.

GBERBA Grants

I have been assisting the GBERBA Coordinators with grant management and organization as elink reporting as projects are completed.

Watonwan River Watershed 1W1P

I have been working on the work plan and budget and edits for the planning grant. We will be having our 3rd pre-planning meeting at the end of the month to discuss the work plan, MOU, and the process to hire a consultant. We hope to have the grant executed in January.