



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

DATE: August 23, 2017

REPORT PERIOD: August 14th – August 23rd

FROM: Blue Earth SWCD Staff: Derek Denisen, John Billings, and Jerad Bach

SUBJECT: Le Sueur Watershed Report

Le Sueur Priority Areas in Blue Earth County:

Derek Denisen was hired on August 14, 2017 and is in the process of being trained in. This past week Jerad has been updating Derek about the Le Sueur Watershed priority areas in Blue Earth County. Two of these priority areas include the Madison Lake Watershed and the Beauford Ditch Watershed. Also, Derek has reached out to Tyler Polster on any concerns or priority areas for the Le Sueur Watershed in Waseca County.

Le Sueur River Watershed Projects

- Working with Dennis Byron from Waseca County on implementing a Bioreactor. Derek is waiting for Dennis to answer a few tile questions before we can create a cost and size estimate of the bioreactor.
- Met with Ken Lentz from Blue Earth County and discussed cover crop options. Ken is going to think over his options and come back in the spring.
- Finalized a management plan and contract for cover crops with Lucas Bunde in Blue Earth County. Lucas is going to be planting 60 acres of cover crop. He is going to be planting 25 acres of only Winter Cereal Rye and 35 acres of a seed mix composed of Oats, Winter Triticale, and Radish.