



# Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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**Topics:** Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

**Past Events:**

- Sept 27 – GBERBA GIS Workshop, Mankato, MN
- Oct 12 – GBERBA Executive Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Oct 15 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Oct 17 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Oct 17 – Watonwan 1W1P Policy Meeting, St. James, MN

**Upcoming Events:**

- Oct 25 – Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting, Windom, MN
- Oct 29-31 BWSR Academy, Breezy Point, MN
- Nov 9 – GBERBA Policy/Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN

**Working on:**

- *Training:* I attended the GBERBA GIS workshop Sept 27 in Mankato. During this training session I got training in using ACPF and PTMApp. These tools are very useful in that they can be used to find conservation opportunities across the landscape (ACPF), and evaluate the feasibility of a conservation practice and estimate the water quality benefits of a conservation practice (PTMApp).
- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost-Share:* The GBERBA cover crop cost-share letter we sent out at the end of August has been continuing to get responses from interested landowners in Cottonwood County. Hannah Herzfeld and I have gotten training from Dawn Madison in using Toolkit to create conservation plans for cover crops. With harvest coming to an end it is expected more farmers and landowners will contact us with interest in the GBERBA cover crop cost-share. If the response turns out to be lower than expected we may do another cover crop outreach to landowners and send out a postcard to landowners in Cottonwood County this winter or fall.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed One Plan:* I have gathered together all of the various plans and studies that will be needed for the Watonwan River One Watershed One Plan. These documents include county water plans, DNR and other state agency reports, fish and wildlife habitat plans, city wellhead protection plans, and county geologic and surface water hydrology atlases. A list which includes the links for these reports and studies is now available on the Watonwan 1W1P webpage on the Watonwan County website.