



# Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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

**Past Events:**

- 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
- Oct 25 – Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting, Windom, MN
- Oct 29-31 BWSR Academy, Breezy Point, MN

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov 14 - Watonwan 1W1P Policy/Steering Meeting, St. James, MN

**Working on:**

- *Training:* I attended BWSR Academy Oct 29-31 in Breezy Point Minnesota. During BWSR Academy I took sessions I felt were relevant to my position and sessions that would help me be successful in carrying out the duties of the Watonwan Watershed Technician position. These sessions included project management, groundwater, how to interact with landowners, engaging with the public, and water quality models and calculators.
- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost-Share:* Hannah Herzfeld and I have scheduled a cover crop/soil health workshop for Cottonwood County landowners November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cottonwood County Historical Society. This will be an informal workshop where we will cover topics such as cover crops, soil health, and the MAWQCP program. We plan to invite 20 landowners throughout Cottonwood County. This workshop will be a great opportunity to inform landowners about the benefits of conservation practices such as no till and cover crops, and the cost share opportunities and programs available.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed One Plan:* A list which includes various watershed plans and reports that will be needed for the Watonwan 1W1P is available on the Watonwan 1W1P webpage on the Watonwan County website. I have recently added 3 documents to the Watonwan Watershed studies/reports list. These documents include the Blue Earth SWCD Comprehensive Plan, Water Availability Assessment Report (DNR), and Minnesota's Water Supply: Natural Conditions and Human Impacts. The updated list should be available for viewing on the Watonwan County website soon.