



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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DATE: December 15, 2017
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RE: Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Report

Upcoming Events:

December 26 – Watonwan Targeting Strategy Meeting, St. James, MN
January 3 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting, Mankato, MN

Conservation Drainage Partnership - CWP

An amendment to the work plan and budget has been approved by the MPCA Project Manager. The changes outline a proposal to develop a booklet highlighting conservation efforts in the Greater Blue Earth River Basin related to public drainage systems. I will be contacting several offices in the next few months to gather information about how conservation and ag drainage work together. GBERBA will be responsible for the content and we plan to utilize a consultant for flow and looks of the booklet.

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 convened the citizen group in November to try and set goals and next steps for our priority action items that were developed. We hope to meet at least 2 more times by June.

GBERBA Grants

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

Watonwan River Watershed 1W1P

There are a few more tweaks to the work plan and budget that need to be completed. We will be meeting again in early January to finish the work plan and prep the MOA for approval. We will begin development of materials to solicit a consultant to help with the planning process.

Training

I have been utilizing the Area V TSA Training Coordinator for help surveying and designing terraces and basins. I have also been working with Cottonwood Technicians to survey a grassed waterway.

Targeting

I will be meeting with Watonwan Staff and WRC staff to talk a strategy for using the Willow Creek ACPF model output and explore targeting on a public drainage system in Watonwan Co.