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DATE: August 28
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RE: Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Report

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 4 – Watonwan County Commissioners Meeting, St. James, MN
- Sept 6 – Watonwan WRAPS Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 17 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Sept 19 – GBERBA Policy Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 19 - GBERBA Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 19 – Watonwan 1W1P Meeting, Mankato, MN

Projects

I have been working with Hannah Herzfeld putting together a cover crop cost-share mass mailing letter to send out to landowners in the Cottonwood County portion of the Watonwan Watershed. The letter explains the positive impact cover crops can have on the watershed and how installing cover crops would benefit the farmer/landowner. This letter explains to landowners the conditions of the cost-share such as max amount of acres it can be used on (80 acres), the maximum amount per acre they can spend (\$50), and the amount the cost share covers (75% of \$50 which is \$37.50). These letters will be sent off to landowners in the Watonwan Watershed this week.

Miscellaneous

During my first 3 weeks I have gone out into the field with Dave Bucklin on a few of his field visits and as a result I have been meeting landowners within the Watonwan Watershed. With these field visits, I am starting to become more familiar with the rivers and landscape of the Watonwan Watershed. In addition, with these landowner meetings I am becoming more aware of the various environmental issues I will be facing in the watershed.