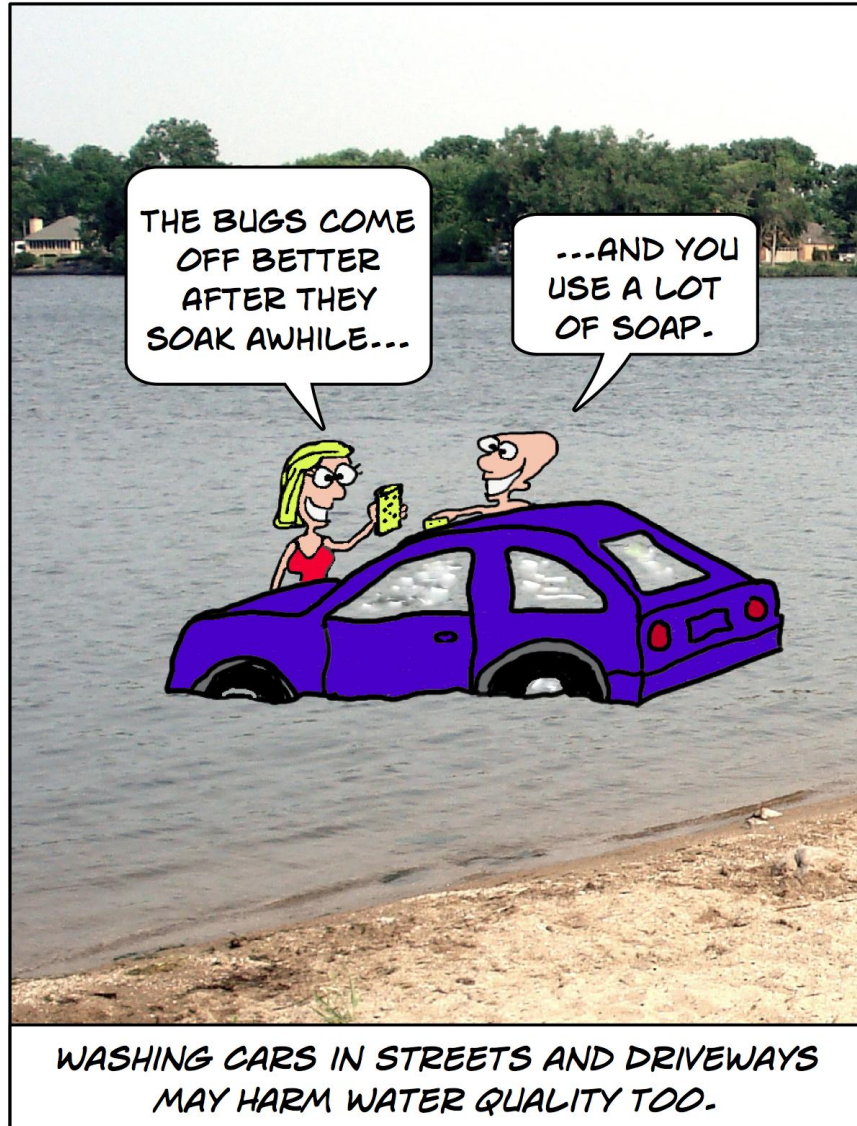


OKABENA-UCHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT 2008 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET



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Implement Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board Projects

- Continue to conduct water quality monitoring of Lake Okabena, Lake Ocheda and Judicial Ditch #6. Report data collected in the STORET program.
- Continue to offer CRP filter strip incentive payments throughout the District.
- Continue to provide administrative and technical services, and financial support, for Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board.
- Continue to acquire property, as it becomes available, for wetland restorations, groundwater protection, storm water storage and water quality improvement projects.
- Read staff gauges, at least monthly, during the ice free season on Okabena, Ocheda, and Bella. Report data annually to the DNR.
- Begin discussions with landowners and the DNR about future lake level manipulation, water quality projects and rough fish control efforts on Lake Ocheda.

Implement Information and Education Programs

- Work with Worthington to implement the public education components of the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.
- Work with Worthington Public Utilities to implement the best management practices and educational components of the wellhead protection plan.
- Work with the Lake Okabena Improvement Association to do water quality monitoring and non-point source pollution prevention education programs.
- Produce brochures, press releases or newspaper advertisements or website factsheets on non-point source pollution prevention.
- Financially support and provide staff for educational programs at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Area.
- Lead watershed district tours for Worthington School classes, Minnesota West Classes and interested community groups.
- Provide staff to coach the Worthington High School Envirothon teams.
- Provide presentations, as requested, for school classes and community groups.
- Support with staff time the Prairie Ecology Bus Center educational programs and bus replacement capitol campaign.
- In partnership with the Heron Lake Watershed District and the City of Worthington, co-sponsor and organize one or more Project NEMO Workshops.

Implement Best Management Practices

- Identify landowners interested in conservation programs benefitting water quality, reducing flooding, preventing pollution or improving wildlife habitat. Refer landowners to agencies with appropriate BMP programs for technical or financial

assistance.

- Offer CRP filter strip incentives throughout the District.
- Offer cost-share on terraces, waterways, well sealing, septic system replacement, rain gardens and conservation use acres programs.
- Create and implement innovative programs, using District levy funding if necessary, to address water quality and flood prevention problems.

Maintain and Improve District Property

- Perform weed control, litter cleanup, picnic area maintenance and beaver, muskrat and gopher control on district property.
- Maintain roads and structures at Lake Bella Park.
- Trim trees as necessary to maintain woody cover at Bella Park.
- Maintain the Lake Ocheda Dam. Replace stoplogs as necessary.
- Seal the well on the Lake Ocheda Dam property.
- Investigate potential grant sources for improving grass cover at Bella Park and fixing shoreline erosion problems. Do preparation for grass seeding, if grant money is available.
- Implement a pilot project on the Lake Bella shoreline to see if erosion can be slowed or stopped by planting willows and installing willow fascines.
- Solicit advice from the USFWS on establishing fire breaks in Bella Park.

Update the Nobles County Comprehensive Water Management Plan

- Participate in water planning taskforce to update the Nobles County Comprehensive Water Management Plan to include the information required by Minnesota Statute 103D.405 for a revised watershed management plan.
- Following the procedure prescribed by Minnesota Statute 103D.405, adopt the Nobles County Comprehensive Water Management as the District's Watershed Management Plan.

Act on Permit Applications and Monitor and Enforce Permit Program Compliance

Coordinate District Activities with other Local, State and Federal Agencies

- Two Managers will be appointed to the Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Organization board and participate in meetings.
- The Administrator will represent District at Worthington wellhead protection taskforce meetings.
- One Manager and the Administrator will represent the District at Nobles County Water Plan Taskforce Meetings.
- The District will contract with the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District for technical services.

**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
2008 Budget**

REVENUES	2008 Budget
Nobles County - District Levy	\$121,500.00
Local Government Aid	\$8,500.00
Property Rent & CRP	\$3,750.00
Investment Interest	\$500.00
Permit Inspection Fees	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00
Worthington	\$6,000.00
MPCA Water Quality Assessment Grant	\$4,340.00

TOTAL REVENUES **\$145,390.00**

EXPENDITURES	
Legal/ Accounting	\$2,000.00
Board Compensation & Expenses	\$5,000.00
Insurance and Bonds	\$2,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Office Expenses	
Rent	\$1,980.00
Phone, Internet	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$1,236.22
Photocopies	\$300.00
Postage & Box Rental	\$500.00
MAWD Meetings & Training	\$1,200.00
Software	\$300.00
Personnel	
Salary	\$44,622.83
PERA	\$2,900.48
FICA	\$3,413.65
Health Insurance	\$3,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$3,300.00
Property Maintenance	\$3,000.00
MAWD Dues	\$2,000.00
Public Notice Publications	\$1,000.00
SWCD Administrative & Technical Services	\$3,000.00
Public Education	\$3,000.00
Watershed District Cost-Share	\$12,000.00
Filterstrip Incentive Program	\$25,000.00
CREP Incentive Program	\$10,896.82
Water Quality Basin Maintenance	\$2,000.00
Land Purchases	\$3,432.00
Joint Powers Board Operations	\$4,000.00
Storm Water Education Contract Expenses	\$500.00
Water Sampling Lakes Ocheda and Bella	\$1,608.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$145,390.00**