

OKABENA-OCHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT 2010 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. Report data collected to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
- 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 lakes Okabena, Ocheda, and Bella. Report data annually to the Department of Natural Resources.
- Remove accumulated sediment from the forebays of the W-9 structure. Spread sediment on nearby agricultural fields after harvest.
- Hold discussions with landowners and the DNR about future lake level manipulation, water quality projects and rough fish control efforts on Lake Ocheda.

Prepare for Future Projects

- Write a Lake Ocheda management plan that can be supported by a majority of the landowners and approved by the DNR.
- Work with Pheasants Forever to explore trading or purchasing land to create a permanent grass buffer along the stream between the Wachter Wildlife Management Area and Lake Bella. Pay the land survey, abstracting and other transaction costs.
- Investigate using Best Management Practices including conservation easements, CRP programs, and local and state partnerships for land purchases to address surface water, groundwater and flooding problems throughout the District.

Implement Monitoring and 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.
- Work with the Environmental Services Department to print advertisements regarding motor oil recycling.
- Provide presentations, as requested, for school classes and community groups.
- Support with staff time the Prairie Ecology Bus Center environmental education programs.

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.
- Remove obstructions from the Lake Ocheda Dam as necessary.
- Complete needed tillage, herbicide application and burning to prepare approximately 68 acres at Bella Park for a native grass and forb seeding in 2011.
- 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.
- Maintain and manage the dock at the Lake Bella boat landing.

Complete Update of District Rules

Act on Permit Applications and Monitor and Enforce Permit Program Compliance

- Inspect and monitor construction erosion control permit sites. Enforce compliance when necessary to avoid off-site sediment and nutrient pollution.
- Work with Worthington to inspect construction sites one acre or larger for compliance with state NPDES storm water permit requirements and City and District rules for pollution prevention and erosion control.

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.
- The District will contract with the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District for technical services.
- One Manager or the Administrator will attend Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council meetings when possible.

Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District 2010 Budget

REVENUES

Nobles County - District Levy	\$121,500.00
Local Government Aid	\$8,500.00
Property Rent & CRP	\$6,736.00
Investment Interest	\$800.00
Permit Inspection Fees	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00
Worthington Stormwater Program	\$6,000.00
Clean Water Partnership Reimbursements	\$9,500.00
MPCA Water Quality Assessment Grant	\$480.00
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$8,500.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$162,816.00

EXPENDITURES

Legal/ Accounting	\$2,000.00
Board Compensation & Expenses	\$5,000.00
Insurance and Bonds	\$2,843.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Office Expenses	
Rent	\$2,028.00
Phone, Internet	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$1,211.00
Photocopies	\$300.00
Postage & Box Rental	\$650.00
MAWD Meetings & Training	\$1,200.00
Bookkeeping Software	\$500.00
Computer and Printer	\$1,000.00
Personnel	
Salary	\$47,000.00
PERA	\$3,172.50
FICA	\$3,595.50
Health Insurance	\$4,200.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$3,300.00
Property Maintenance	\$4,000.00
MAWD Dues	\$766.00
Public Notice Publications	\$1,200.00
SWCD Administrative & Technical Services	\$3,000.00
Public Education	\$3,000.00
Watershed District Cost-Share	\$12,800.00
Filterstrip Incentive Program	\$31,000.00
Water Quality Basin Maintenance	\$2,500.00
Land Purchases	\$20,000.00
Joint Powers Board Operations	\$3,000.00
Storm Water Education Contract Expenses	\$1,000.00
Water Sampling - Lake Okabena	\$750.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$162,816.00