

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources SWIMS Project Summary

General Project Information

Project ID: ARRA_Project12 WTDL
Name: ARRA 12 CARPC Black Earth Creek Study Grant 2P-00E73201
Type: Grant Project
Subtype: ARRA Pass Through Project
Status: ACTIVE
Start Date: 10/03/2009
End Date: 12/31/2009
Purpose: Black Earth Creek monitoring and analysis to determine the impact of agricultural runoff; contract with Capital Area Regional Planning Commission.
Objective: This project is a key component of a water quality monitoring and planning project designed to determine the impact that agricultural runoff is having on Black Earth Creek. The project includes a cooperative monitoring project that involves Dane County LCD, USGS, WDNR Fisheries, CARPC, WDNR Watershed Management, and support from Partner Organizations such as the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association.

The principal needs that the monitoring will address include identification of water chemistry conditions that may be limiting trout populations. A determination will be made regarding the feasibility of establishing an alert system that would use real-time water chemistry parameters to indicate when stream conditions may potentially induce a fish kill. This alert system would notify the WDNR and other organizations to activate management plans to reduce the impact on the fisheries resource.

This project funds collection and analysis of water quality data sondes at two locations along BEC to help identify areas of water chemistry changes. These sites would use regressions to estimate the discharge (non-published) between the site locations and the active stream gages located on BEC. Manual EWI samples will be collected during base flow and periods of storm runoff. These samples will be used in the development of the regression analyses to predict real-time constituent concentrations from the water quality sonde data and water quality samples.

The funds are intended to be used for equipment, gage stations, and analysis by USGS. The results of this work will be used in a subsequent Phase two effort, to be conducted four to six years in the future, to conduct comprehensive watershed planning, including all land uses in the watershed with the goal of preserving and restoring a healthy aquatic ecosystem for Black Earth Creek. This is a key component of areawide water resources management planning for the area. The information from the current project will be tied in with other ground and surface water modeling work conducted in the watershed by the USGS, and used to estimate pollutant loading from specific land uses in the watershed, set goals, identify load reductions and establish habitat protection measures and strategies as part of an overall comprehensive watershed management plan supported and implemented by all the various stakeholders and groups in the watershed.

Comments: DUNS #: _____ CCR#: _____
 Total project award: \$30,000

Outcome: Project Deliverables: Project report with recommended alternatives including monitoring data and analysis results

Project Statuses

Date	Reported By	Status	Comments
04/13/2010	JAMES MORTON	Progress: 0-25% Complet	The monitoring stations have all been installed and are reporting water quality parameters in real time. The weblinks to the monitoring stations and the parameters that are being monitored are shown on the USGS website (link provided). To date, there have been no alerts that would trigger more detailed sampling.
04/20/2010	JAMES MORTON	Progress: 0-25% Complet	<p>Water Quality stations were established in September of 2009, stations were activated for automated sampling in October 2009. The monitoring stations are all available on-line via the web at the following url: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wi/nwis/current/?type=quality.</p> <p>Four stations were created, station id #'s and sampling gear for each are listed below:</p> <p>USGS station numbers and name, water-quality monitoring equipment present:</p> <p>05406500 Black Earth Creek @ Black Earth, automated sampler</p>

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			<p>and water-quality monitor</p> <p>05406497 Black Earth Creek @ South Valley Rd, water-quality monitor</p> <p>05406479 Black Earth Ck Nr Treatment Plnt @ Cross Plain, water-quality monitor</p> <p>05406457 Black Earth Creek NR Brewery Rd @ Cross Plains, automated sampler and water-quality monitor.</p> <p>The alert process has been created that notifies (WDNR, USGS, Cross Plains officials, and Dane County LCD staff. This is an automated alert notification that USGS created to react when water quality conditions are such that a fish kill could occur.</p> <p>Runoff and base flow samples were collected starting in November or 2009 and are still being collected. Several small presentations have been given to various user groups through out the county.</p>
08/05/2010	JAMES MORTON	Progress: 25-50% Comple	<p>Water quality monitoring is going as planned. No water quality alerts issued. USGS, Dane Co, WDNR, and partners are processing, analyzing and reporting data. The online data sites are receiving heavy use by the public.</p>

Project Status Detail

Question	Answer
1. Reporting Timeframe (Q1 (Oct-Dec), Q2 (Jan-Mar), Q3 (Apr-June), Q4 (July-Sept):	Q3 - Apr-June
2. Amount expended this time period:	None--contracts have already been established
3. Subcontracts or subgrants awarded this period:	Subcontracts through CARPC to USGS
4. Number work hours created or maintained to date:	WDNR 120 hours
5. Work accomplished this reporting period:	<p>Water Quality stations were established in September of 2009, stations were activated for automated sampling in October 2009. The monitoring stations are all available on-line via the web at the following url: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wi/nwis/current/?type=quality. Four stations were created, station id #'s and sampling gear for each are listed below: USGS station numbers and name, water-quality monitoring equipment present: 05406500 Black Earth Creek @ Black Earth, automated sampler and water-quality monitor 05406497 Black Earth Creek @ South Valley Rd, water-quality monitor 05406479 Black Earth Ck Nr Treatment Plnt @ Cross Plain, water-quality monitor 05406457 Black Earth Creek NR Brewery Rd @ Cross Plains, automated sampler and water-quality monitor. The alert process has been created that notifies (WDNR, USGS, Cross Plains officials, and Dane County LCD staff. This is an automated alert notification that USGS created to react when water quality conditions are such that a fish kill could occur. Runoff and base flow samples were collected starting in November or 2009 and are still being collected. Several small presentations have been given to various user groups through out the county.</p>
	<p>Stations were installed in Sept of 2009 Stations activated for monitoring October 2009 Samplers were started to collect samples effective Nov. 2009 (base flow and runoff samples) The url for on-line viewing of data is listed in document The station id numbers are listed in document Alert notification- has been established and on line for (wndr, usgs, Dane co lcd, and village of cross plains officials)</p>

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6. Work goals for coming reporting period:	<p>During the period apr-june 10, no alerts were issued. USGS is preparing data reports and presentations. Begin alert notification and detailed water quality monitoring and discharge response</p>
7. Overall project status:	<p>Continued with alert notification. Water Quality stations were established in September of 2009, stations were activated for automated sampling in October 2009. The monitoring stations are all available on-line via the web at the following url: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wi/nwis/current/?type=quality.</p> <p>Four stations were created, station id #'s and sampling gear for each are listed below:</p> <p>USGS station numbers and name, water-quality monitoring equipment present 05406500 Black Earth Creek @ Black Earth, automated sampler and water-quality monitor 05406497 Black Earth Creek @ South Valley Rd, water-quality monitor 05406479 Black Earth Ck Nr Treatment Plnt @ Cross Plain, water-quality monitor 05406457 Black Earth Creek NR Brewery Rd @ Cross Plains, automated sampler and water-quality monitor.</p> <p>The alert process has been created that notifies (WDNR, USGS, Cross Plains officials, and Dane County LCD staff. This is an automated alert notification that USGS created to react when water quality conditions are such that a fish kill could occur. Runoff and base flow samples were collected starting in November or 2009 and are still being collected. Several small presentations have been given to various user groups through out the county.</p> <p>Water quality stations did not show results that would have triggered a water quality alert.</p>
8. WDNR Question: Job equivalent Created	

People						
Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
CARPC,	GRANT_RECIP	ACTIVE	10/03/2009		Capital Area Regional Planning Commission	
MORTON, JAMES A	PROJECT_OFFI	ACTIVE	10/03/2009		Wisconsin DNR	
USGS,	GRANT_RECIP	ACTIVE	10/03/2009		U.S. Geological Survey	

Actions					
Action	Detailed Description	Start Date	End Date	Status	
Survey Watershed (Status, Sources, Impairments)	Black Earth Creek Watershed	07/01/2009	06/30/2010	IN_PROGRESS	

Monitoring Stations		
Station I	Name	Comments

Assessment Units			
WBIC	Segment	Local Name	Official Name

Lab Account Codes

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Account Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
WT107	Watershed Special Projects	05/27/2009	06/30/2010
WT117	STREAMS/RIVERS SPECIAL PROJECT	06/03/2010	06/30/2011

Forms

Form Code	Form Name
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Methods

Method Code	Description
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Fieldwork Events

Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
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Documents

Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
ARRA Project 12 CARPC Black Earth Creek 2009 Project Description	Project Description	WDNR	10/27/2009	
ARRA_12_Q2FFY10_Report		WDNR	04/28/2010	

Budget

Code	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total Cost
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Test Code	Description	Test Group	# Planned	Unit Cost	Total Cost
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Total SLOH Lab Costs: \$0.00