



DODGE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Resolution 02-2017 to Adopt a Summary of an “Other Watercourses Inventory” for Inclusion in the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan

Whereas; Minnesota statutes 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas; The Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law Implementation Policy #6 ‘Local Water Resources Riparian Protection (“Other Watercourses”)’ which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory.

Whereas; Dodge SWCD has met with local water management authorities within its jurisdiction to develop a list of “Other Waters Inventory”

Whereas; Dodge SWCD and the water management authorities within its jurisdiction have developed comprehensive water management strategies to address the water management issues in watersheds within Dodge County.

Whereas; These Comprehensive Watershed Plans incorporate known resources, tools and local knowledge to develop a strategy for implementing a suite of water management practices that will improve water quality in Dodge County and downstream water resources.

Whereas; Dodge SWCD has assessed the water quality benefits that buffers and alternative practices could provide and determined that current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer, filter strip or comparable upland best management practice.

Whereas; The Dodge SWCD determined that the rationale for inclusion of “other watercourses” is to be inclusive of all watercourses where water resources would benefit from the voluntary installation of riparian grass buffers and upland erosion control practices that stabilize the ground, trap nutrients and provide upland water storage.

Whereas; producing a map of all the watercourses meeting the eligibility criteria would be time consuming and may not be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer, filter strip or comparable upland best management practice.

Therefore be it resolved that; the summary of watercourse or “other waters” for Dodge County shall be descriptive in form instead of in map format.

Be it further resolved that; the description of watercourses to be included in the summary of watercourse or “other waters” **shall be;** All watercourses deemed eligible for the adjacent land to be voluntarily enrolled into a buffer, filter strip or other comparable upland best management practice under the current eligibility criteria for state and federal programs, including perennial streams, seasonal streams depicted on the Dodge County Soil Survey maps, streams that originate or pass through sensitive landscape features where land use may impact surface or groundwater quality, wellhead protection areas (WPA), and areas identified by Dodge County or Dodge SWCD staff during onsite visits, excluding those watercourses depicted on the DNR Buffer Protection Map.

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