

the Watershed

Grant Program Updates by Steve Larry, Grant Program Director

The problem with the Watershed is that by the time you all read this it contains old news because what we are doing within the RCD is happening so quickly. Now the word “quickly” can muster up some false assumptions, like we are not in control or really not taking our time to make good decisions.

Both of those assumptions could not be further from the facts. It has taken about a year of planning and work to get us where we are now

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Community...**

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Fertilizing Program
(Middle # 0)**

with the Babbling Brook Stabilization project. We have bid the project and had 11 interested contractors. Out of the 11, we have chosen one who we feel is the best qualified, lowest bidder.

Unfortunately as I write this, we have yet to know who that is since the bids are not due until August 18th (deadline for the Watershed articles is August 17th) and then will be open at public meeting on August 23rd followed by an RCD Board Executive Session on the 30th to select the successful bidder. The project team will have reviewed all the bids and made their recommendation to the Board for approval.

So anyone interested in knowing which construction company was selected will need to go to our web site. Con-

struction will begin this fall with a completion date of March, 2012.

On another note, at our July meeting, the Board approved the go-ahead to re-submit our 319 EPA Grant to proceed with our proposed silt containment project for Schings Park. We had quite a few residents in attendance and all supported this process and the grant has been submitted. We will find out sometime early next spring if we have been successful in getting the backing of the EPA.

Proper management of the Watershed Planning Grant and the Babbling Brook Grant will go a long way in helping us have a good probability of being awarded this next grant. Should that happen, the project team in place now for the

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Did You Know?...

- The beaches will be CLOSED FOR SWIMMING after Labor Day and will reopen on Memorial Weekend, 2012.
- The Campground is OPEN for reservations until October 31st. Call 815 652-2006 or visit www.rcdinfo.com
- The FY2011-2012 Tax Levy has been approved
- Volunteer Opportunities: Anyone interested in volunteering their time and ideas toward maintaining the LCC playground or N. Beach Riparian Plantings, (with prior approved funding from the RCD) please contact Dennis Cantrell.

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Babbling Brook Project will manage the Silt Containment Project.

We have monthly updates on these and other RCD business at our regular meetings and min-

utes are posted on our web site to keep you all “in the loop”.

We encourage you to attend our meetings and/or visit our

web site regularly to stay well informed and current on RCD business and projects.

Harold Stromberger, Assisting Tim Spelde in taking Lake Depth Readings by the Dam Using a 2” PVC Pipe that is 20’ Long, Marked at 1” intervals



5’ Reading out from dam

Depth	Silt	Depth	Silt	Depth	Silt
9’	Gravel	8’2	Gravel	8’6”	Gravel
11’1”	11’3”	11’	11’3”	9’6”	Gravel
12’8”	13’3”	13’2”	14’8”	10’	10’2”
13’4”	15’8”	13’8	15’6”	13’6	15’2”

Tim Spelde and Harold Stromberger took depth readings in front of the dam in July. They found hard bottom around the dam/board face but as you go out 15-20’ out silt is around 1-2’ deep.

