

9/11/1962 Watershed Here Gets One Okay

The Senate subcommittee on watersheds Wednesday approved construction for the Big Wyacondah Watershed in Davis county, another step in obtaining the final federal green light for the program.

Now the project must be cleared by the House committee and be given approval by both the House and Senate, a series of steps expected to be routine.

The project involves 36,275 acres which would be brought under watershed and flood control measures at an estimated total cost of \$1,880,292.

The money appropriations covering watershed projects were included in the Department of Agriculture appropriation, passed by both houses earlier this year. However, each individual water-

shed project must also receive congressional approval.

Verle Arnold, work unit conservationist with the local Soil Conservation Service office, said earlier this year that congressional approval in this session could lead to construction next year.

After the congressional okay, the final timetable for letting bids and beginning work will be mapped out by the Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with other federal and state agencies.

Committees Approve September 27, 1962 'Go' For Wyacondah

WASHINGTON. (AP) - The House and Senate Agriculture committees have approved the \$1,089,000 Big Wyacondah watershed project in Davis County, Iowa.

The House committee completed action on the project Wednesday.

The Agriculture Department

can undertake such a project up on the approval of the two agriculture committees and upon the availability of funds which are appropriated to the department yearly in a lump sum.

The federal government will contribute \$816,000 to the Iowa Project and local interests will put up \$273,000.

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\$1 Million Project

Watershed Gets Approval

BLOOMFIELD. — An estimated \$1,088,292 will be spent on the Big Wyacondah Watershed Protection Project in Davis County Soil Conservation District, according to Frank H. Mendell, state conservationist of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

The project recently was approved for operations by both the House and Senate agriculture committees.

Federal aid for the project will total about \$815,632 with local interests providing about \$272,660, including land, easements and right-of-ways, plus operation and maintenance of the project when completed.

THE PROJECT will return

\$1.60 in direct benefits for every dollar of project cost, Mendell said.

Covering 36,275 acres in Davis County, the Big Wyacondah Watershed generally is a long, narrow strip about 19 miles long and four miles wide. There are 228 farms located entirely or partially within the watershed boundaries.

Local project sponsors are the Davis County Soil Conservation District and Davis County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to the conservation land treatment measures now being applied on the farms lying within the watershed boundaries, other major proj-

ects are being planned.

TWO FLOODWATER retarding structures are to be built as will be 57 grade stabilization structures, three miles of stream channel improvement, and nine acres of structural waterways.

Two of the structures will also serve as public road crossings and will replace existing bridges. The county will realize benefits at 19 bridge and five culvert locations through reduced future costs of replacement.

Approximately two-thirds of the farmers within the watershed area are co-operators of the Davis County Soil Conservation District. They presently are installing land treatment measures such as gradient terraces, contour farming, grassed waterways, diversions, woodland improvement, and farm ponds, with the assistance of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.