

Big Wyacondah Watershed Toured By 24 Farmers

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KEOSAUQUA — Twenty-four farmers from the Indian Creek Watershed in Van Buren County toured the Big Wyacondah Watershed in Davis County Sept. 1.

The men observed four completed grade stabilization structures. Ponding area above the structures varied from 6.2 acres to 10 acres.

Area of runoff above each structure is about 400 acres. A large waterway, which had been seeded by diverting the water with the use of tile, was also observed.

The Big Wyacondah Watershed, when finished, will have 57 grade stabilization structures, two flood water retarding structures and 3.9 miles of channel

improvement on the Little Wyacondah.

The tour was sponsored by the Indian Creek-Van Buren Watershed Board, the Van Buren County Soil District Commissioners, the Soil Conservation Service of Davis and Van Buren counties and the boards of supervisors of the two counties.

The Indian Creek-Van Buren Watershed involves 43,319 acres in Van Buren County and an additional 3,500 in Clark County, Mo.

Plans have been formulating for the past three years to obtain federal assistance in building stabilized waterways in gullies and hill terracing.

Indian Creek originates on the

Della Wilson farm near Lebanon and runs eastward and slightly south until it empties in the Des Moines River at Farmington.