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Union Watershed Project Approved For Assistance

The application of the Union Watershed project, located in the Hardin County Soil Conservation District, has been approved for assistance under the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act by the State Soil Conservation Committee.

The action was taken during the state committee's regular monthly meeting last week.

Receiving initial approval makes this watershed eligible for federal assistance in the installation of works of improvement necessary for a complete soil and water conservation program in the area.

In order for engineering and planning work on the project to begin, the watershed must now receive a planning priority from the state committee. This could be received later this year or at a more distant date. When approved, the actual engineering work will be completed by a watershed planning party from the Soil Conservation Service in Des Moines.

The watershed project covers 692 acres, beginning on the Mary Crosser farm one-half mile northwest of the South Hardin Recreation Area and proceeding southeast through the golf course, town of Union to a point where it adjoins the Iowa River about one and one-half miles southeast of town. Other owners involved include Chelsea Beach, Willard Donaldson, J. L. H. Farms, K. Rogers and C. F. Long.

The control of flooding within and downstream from the town of Union along with need for improved open and closed drains for the agricultural land in the lower portion of the watershed are the principal needs in the Union Watershed. Recreational needs of the community will also be given consideration in project development. As proposed, a lake would be developed in the South Hardin Recreation Area.

Sponsors of the watershed project are the Town of Union and the Hardin County Soil Conservation District.