

Planning OK is given 9-9-71 for proposed watershed

The Iowa Soil Conservation Service has approved the proposed Soap Creek Watershed for planning.

The approval of the project was given Sept. 2 and the Davis County Soil Conservation Service office received official notification this week.

The watershed, which includes land in four counties, was proposed earlier this year. Counties involved are Davis, Appanoose, Wapello and

Monroe.

A preliminary plan will now be drawn up by the SCS's Watershed Survey Party. That is expected to be done in the next year and a half.

Following the preliminary planning, local residents will have the plan explained to them and asked to give their approval.

If approval is given, a work plan would then be drawn.

Funds for construction of

watershed flood control structures and other structures are available from the federal government under the Small Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention act.

The Soap Creek Watershed would cover 162,000 acres with 66,000 acres located in northern Davis County. Acreages in the other counties are Appanoose, 40,000; Wapello, 35,000; and Monroe, 21,000.