

Carter Creek Watershed Plan Will Be Developed

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BLOOMFIELD — The Carter Creek Watershed is a feasible project, Leonard Larson of Des Moines told sponsors and farmer watershed committee members Wednesday in Bloomfield.

Members of the group attending were unanimous in a decision to proceed with the development of the Carter Creek Watershed. A request will be made for a detailed work plan to be developed for the project.

Larson, a member of the Soil Conservation Service Watershed Survey party, said funds possibly could be approved this spring for the work plan, which could be completed some time next year.

Measures could include several grade stabilization structures, a large flood detention reservoir, several smaller reservoirs and channel improvement on the main stem of Carter Creek, stated Larson.

Loren Elliott, another survey party member, also attended the briefing.

24,480 Acres

Encompassing 24,480 acres in Iowa, the 18-mile-long watershed area starts near Moulton in Appanoose County and enters Missouri south of Bloomfield. The watershed averages 2½ miles wide.

Harold Baughman, chairman of the Davis County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, emphasized that right-of way and easements will have to be provided by local land-

owners. Federal watershed funds cannot be used to purchase right-of-way, he said.

It is the responsibility of local people to apply the needed land treatment measures, Baughman commented. Such work would include terracing, contouring, waterways, farm ponds, small structures, pasture renovation, and rotation of crops.

Baughman said that 75 per cent of the critical sediment producing areas must be adequately controlled before any of the watershed structures could be built.

Attending the briefing were the Davis County Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Davis County Board of Supervisors, Soil Conservation Service personnel from Fairfield, Centerville and Bloomfield, Ron Draves, conservation officer, and six members of the watershed committee.

Stanley White, Tom Hardy, Truman Aleshire, Lem Jarvis and Austin Davis are members of the watershed committee. Also present were W. D. Byers, Davis County extension director, and Henry Allen, office manager of the Davis County ASCS office.