

Water Control Work Planned

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The first contract letting for construction work on Big Wyandah Watershed involves about one-fifteenth of the watershed protection and flood control structures that will eventually be built throughout the watershed area.

However, the project due for letting Nov. 21 is not expected to involve one-fifteenth of the total cost of watershed development—estimated at a little more than \$1-million, paid for mostly by federal funds.

The four structures involved in the first letting will back up water pools ranging from 4 to 6 acres. (The average farm pond will have an acre or less of water.)

The structures will be constructed about 5½ miles southwest of Bloomfield in a moon-shaped area crossing farms of Walter Dixon, Dale Dixon, Aura Barnett, Frank Shively and Z. W. Hubbartt.

Verle Arnold, work unit conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service here, said the structures, plus some waterway improvement, must be finished in 100 work days after construction once begins. However, days of bad weather are not counted. It will be next spring before the project is finished.

Arnold said there should be two more contract lettings in 1964, involving from 10 to 12 more watershed protection and flood control structures.