DATE: Thursday, June 8, 2017

TO: Whiskey Creek Landowners
    McCauleyville, Nordick, Connely, and Nilsen Townships, Wilkin County

FROM: Bruce E. Albright, Office Administrator

RE: Whiskey Creek Enhancement Project
    Scheduling of Landowner Informational Meeting

Over a year ago, the Board of Managers, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD), informed you that we were working with the Wilkin County Environmental Office regarding a grant they secured in the amount of $103,100 from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources to look at a potential project involving Whiskey Creek. At the same time, we contacted you regarding the need to access your property to conduct a survey of the existing channel. We are pleased to inform you that the survey has been completed. Results of that effort have produced three different documents, including:

- Preliminary plans for a Whiskey Creek Enhancement including plan and profile drawings, and cross sections, with test pits showing sediment depths
- Whiskey Creek Enhancement Project flood inundation maps showing the two, five, and ten-year events
- A set of maps showing possible side inlet locations and landownership

All three documents have been placed on the BRRWD’s website at www.brrwd.org, if you want to review them.

As we’ve indicated, one of our main goals is to make sure that you as landowners are kept informed regarding each step of the process. With the new data, we would now like to sit down and review the information with you and determine what you may perceive as problems with the current channel. Also of note, is the fact that the area in question is Minnesota Department of Natural Resources protected waters, which will require a 50' buffer on each side of the channel centerline by November 1, 2017. The Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District has been in contact with you in that regard. In conjunction with the Upper Red River (includes Whiskey Creek) total maximum daily load study, several studies have been completed including a Watershed Conditions Report, Biotic Stressor Identification Report, the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Report, and load duration curves.

To review our recent data collection and reports, discuss what you may perceive as problems along Whiskey Creek, and what the next steps might be, we have scheduled an informational meeting for Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 8:00 PM in the Kent Community Center, 204 Main ST. This meeting is open to the public, and while we are only mailing notices to those landowners whose property the creek drains through, other interested parties are welcome to attend.

If you should have questions or comments concerning the above or enclosed, please feel free to contact this office.

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Encl: Project Location Map