



Continuation of Hay Creek/Stinking Lake Sediment Reduction



Clean Water Funds: 2011

Clean Water Grant	\$105,408
Leveraged Funds*	\$80,320
Total Project Budget	\$185,728

* Leveraged Funds include required 25% local match

Targeted Water:

Stinking Lake and Hay Creek

Project Sponsor:

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

Partners:

Becker SWCD, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Red River Valley Conservation Service Joint Powers Board, landowners/operators in the Hay Creek Watershed.

Grant Period:

January 2011 - December 2012

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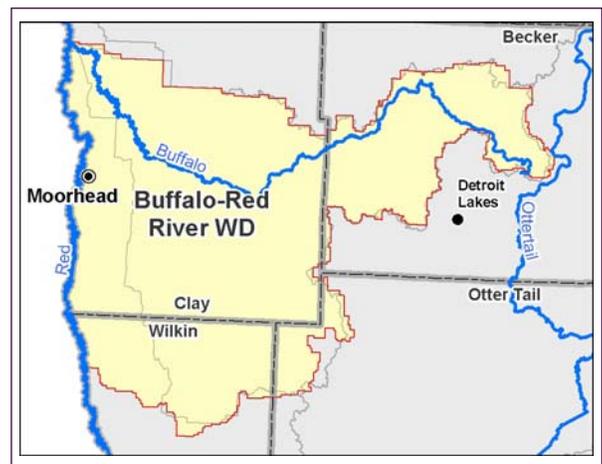


Project Narrative

A partnership of local, state and federal organizations has used multiple funding sources to target nonpoint pollution reduction efforts to the Hay Creek Watershed, a 24-square-mile area in Becker County that features several high-quality lakes. Clean Water Legacy grants were received in 2008 by the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District and in 2011 by the Becker SWCD. The grants leveraged both local and federal dollars, and it built on previous efforts to identify locations where conservation projects could provide the greatest benefits for water quality and wildlife habitat.

Stinking Lake is a shallow lake in the watershed that provides high-quality waterfowl habitat and flood water storage. Protecting the lake has been a major concern of the watershed district and other organizations, including the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Ducks Unlimited.

In 2009, the watershed district, in partnership with the Becker SWCD and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service developed a plan to install water and sediment control basins and buffer strips of native vegetation along either side of Hay Creek. In 2009 and 2010, forty five basins and 11 miles of buffer strips were installed. This 2011 grant has allowed for 28 additional basins to be installed in the watershed. An additional 15 basins will be installed in 2012.



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Part of Hay Creek



Work on a sediment control basin

