



**South Central IA Cedar Creek  
Watershed Management Authority (WMA)**  
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Dear South Central Iowa Cedar Creek WMA Partner:

Why is supporting the WMA important? Financial assistance is needed to aid landowners within the Cedar Creek Watershed to implement conservation practices that will reduce flooding while improving water quality for downstream communities. The past five years, Linda Shumate, Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District has worked as the Watershed Coordinator for the South Central IA Cedar Creek Watershed Management Authority (WMA). The Monroe County SWCD has carried her employment along with limited outside contributions. During this time, we have made great strides in developing a watershed project for the Cedar Creek Watershed.

***We need your assistance in completing the enclosed survey*** for us to better understand the need of your resource concerns. Recently the WMA was approved for an IA DNR Watershed Planning Grant. This will allow us to complete a comprehensive plan outlining priority areas to address resource concerns, and practices to mitigate issues. Upon completion of the watershed management plan, our goal is to establish a funded project that will offer landowners and producers **cost share** to install conservation practices.

Activities completed to date:

- Formed a working 28E agreement with Appanoose, Lucas, Mahaska, Marion and Monroe Co. SWCD, County Board of Supervisors and Municipalities within the Watershed
- Created Cedar Creek Watershed informative webpage at [WWW.MONROE-SWCD.ORG](http://WWW.MONROE-SWCD.ORG)
- Provided community awareness (brochure on webpage)
- Formed the South Central IA Cedar Creek WMA as a 5013c
- Worked with Iowa Flood Center to complete a Hydrology Study of the entire Cedar Creek
- Installed hydrologic network station/Advanced Rain gauge (*see IFIS link on webpage*)
- Installed "Creek level" elevation Bridge Sensor to determine Flood Stage (*see link above*)
- Completed a Ground Assessment in the headwaters in the Bleubaugh subwatershed
- Actively coordinate political opportunities for local and state representatives and senators
- 2019 Iowa Soybean Association grant for conservation planning in two Marion Co. subwatersheds
- Approved for an IA DNR Watershed Management Planning Grant

**To help support the WMA's continued efforts in developing a funded project for practices in the watershed, you may send donations to: SC IA Cedar Creek WMA at 1707 South B Street Ste. 100 Albia, IA 52531.** All proceeds go toward matching grant support, public education and outreach along with administrative activities performed by the WMA. Your donation is tax deductible and regardless of size, it will make a difference!

If you have any questions regarding the WMA or the Cedar Creek Watershed project, please contact Linda Shumate at 641-932-5144 Ext. 3041. Thank you for your support

With Sincere Regards,

Joe Pyle, Chairperson, South Central IA Cedar Creek WMA