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TO: Elm Creek Watershed Management Organization

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RE: July Commission meeting project updates

Buffer

All buffer issues within the watershed have been resolved except for one parcel – the landowner attempted to plant but germination was not successful. Crops have been pulled back, so it's just a matter of re-planting the buffer with permanent vegetation.

Project updates

There is a large project taking place west of Jubert Lake in Corcoran that involves multiple components and landowners. Several grassed waterways, a sediment basin, and a water control structure are all in the process of being designed in partnership with the landowners.

A second project in Corcoran is currently under review by the city's WCA consultant to see if it is feasible to move forward.

A manure bunker and drainage project is nearing completion in Rogers – previously water was moving across the property into a wetland where the manure was being stored from horses.

Another project just north of Diamond Lake is taking shape to reduce manure runoff down hill into a wetland that feeds directly into the lake in Dayton.

