



Please complete and submit to your project manager.

- Reporting Period: [ ] January 1 through June 30 (Due August 1)
[ X ] July 1 through December 31 (Due February 1)

All information is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Do not leave blanks (unless otherwise noted). This report form can be typed using your computer. Use the "tab" key to move through the fields of this form. Enter responses using text and check boxes as indicated. Keep a copy for your records.

I. General Report Information

- 1. Project title: Mill Creek-Nutrient Reduction
2. Project sponsor (Grantee): Sauk River Watershed District
3. Contact name: Lynn Nelson
4. E-mail address: Lynn@srwdmn.org
5. Funding: [ X ] 319 [ ] CWP [ ] CWP Loan [ ] Clean Water Fund [ ] Other:
6. Contract number: 92824
7. MPCA Project Manager: Scott Lucas
8. Effective date (mm/dd/yyyy): 2/15/2016 Expiration date (mm/dd/yyyy): 8/31/2019

II. Semi-annual Report Information

1. Project activities completed during last six (6) months according to the program objectives or tasks (please be specific):

The SRWD completed the public hearing as required by Statute 103D. The project was publicized in the local newspaper and discussed three times on the local radio station. The SRWD and SWCD hosted a Stakeholders Meeting in April to go over the project and what is needed from the group. A follow up meeting was held in August 2016 to begin strategizing outreach efforts. As a result, individual letters were sent to the producers within the Mill Creek watershed explaining the available funding and encouraged conservation BMPs. The Stearns SWCD is working with landowners with preliminary designs. Stream monitoring stations were installed along Mill Creek. Base line monitoring began in April for these sites and lake sampling began in May. Stream sampling continued through September. Monitoring data will be submitted to EQUIS in November. The latest expenditures report is attached to this progress report.

2. List all products (documents, pamphlets, videos, maps, etc.) produced in this reporting period:

PPT for Stakeholders Committee meeting, Maps of project area, news articles and articles for the Pearl Lake Association newsletter.

3. Challenges faced (optional):

The Buffer rule has created a delay of action from landowners. They are waiting to hear what is decided at the state level.

4. Summary of monitoring data collected (if applicable):

Monitoring began in April and continued through September 2016.

4a. Have all monitoring stations been established in EQUIS? [ X ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

4b. Are the data being routinely submitted for storage into EQUIS? [ X ] Yes [ ] No [ X ] NA

If yes, last submittal date (mm/dd/yyyy): 11/1/2016

5. Are the Best Management Practices data being annually entered into eLINK?  Yes  No  N/A

If yes, date last entered (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Describe specific (quantifiable, if possible) results achieved during this period:

Project just started in spring 2016. No BMP projects have been implemented as of December 2016.

Phosphorus Load Reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs./year

Nitrogen Load Reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs./year

Sediment Load Reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs./year

7. Did the MPCA execute a change order or amendment for this project during this reporting period? No  Yes

If yes, summarize those changes:

- 8 List anticipated program objectives or tasks to be completed during the next six (6) months please be specific):

Buffer strips installed along private ditch and creek to Pearl Lake. Livestock exclusion on Mill Creek. Landowner consultation with first and second tier landowners along Mill Creek.

### III. Expenditure Information for this Period

Provide a copy of your work plan budget showing cumulative expenditures and budget balances by work plan objective and task. Also, fill out the summary below.

Expenditure Report attached

Complete the table below:	Amount
Total Grant Amount	\$147,765.00
Total Match Amount (if applicable)	\$150,155.00
<b>Total Project Amount</b>	<b>\$297,920.00</b>
Grant Expenditures this period	\$3,103.18
Match Expenditures this period (if applicable)	\$2,091.93
Cumulative Grant Expenditures to date	\$8,984.19
Cumulative Match Expenditures to date (if applicable)	\$20,682.87
<b>Total Cumulative Expenditures to date</b>	<b>\$29,667.06</b>

Date form completed (mm/dd/yyyy): 1-24-2017