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RESEARCH & PROMOTION COUNCIL

PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT TITLE: *Root River Stream Bank Stabilization*
PROJECT NUMBER: *4124-16SP*
REPORTING PERIOD: *March 31 – June 25, 2016*
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1.) PROJECT ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. *(Describe project progress specific to goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the project workplan.)*

May 2016 - Supply needs and quantities were determined, ordered and received.

June 2016 - Budget adjustment was requested for mileage (Toby Dogwiler only) and approved. Landowners were contacted regarding participation in the project. Sites were identified.

Cedar trees have been located and hauling to project sites arranged.

Coordination with the Conservation Corp of MN (CCM) has been confirmed for the cutting and placement of the cedar trees with work dates being determined.

Site surveying is scheduled for July 11 – 12, 2016.

Anticipated start date for installation of this summer's project is late July 2016.

2.) IDENTIFY ANY SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS AND RESULTS OF THE PROJECT TO DATE.

The project area includes 6,600 linear feet of stream bank on the “Breitenbach reach” that includes two additional landowners (Mehus and Skauge). This reach has had a preliminary assessment done to determine high priority areas of work for Summer 2016. Within the reach, 16 sites have been flagged and will be mapped to allow CCM crew a targeted approach to the revetment work. Toby Dogwiler, Missouri State Professor, and his assistant have been instrumental in helping determine the priority areas.

3.) CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED. *(Describe any challenges that you encountered related to project progress specific to goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the project workplan.)*

No challenges have been encountered to date.

4.) FINANCIAL INFORMATION *(Describe any budget challenges and provide specific reasons for deviations from the projected project spending.)*

A budget adjustment was request for mileage (Toby Dogwiler only) and approved. All other project expenses are on target as estimated.

5.) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITES. *(Describe any conferences, workshops, field days, etc attended, number of contacts at each event, and/or publications developed to disseminate project results.)*

The “Lea” site is a scheduled stop on the “Bluff County Conservation Tour” scheduled for July 22, 2016 by the MN Farm Bureau. Local and state legislatures will have an opportunity to view the revetment site, hear some background and ask questions.

A field day is planned for September 2016 along with media publication of the project.

