Learning about Nelson County Waterways

Lakota High School
River Watch
Devils Lake Watershed

Team Overview 2023-24

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This is our first year as an official team! We hope to get more students in grades 7th-9th on our team to keep our program alive and thriving for the future.

Podcast

Our school was fortunate to receive a grant for a podcast studio at the beginning of this school year. The topic we chose for our project is "Living and Working on Nelson County Waterways." We interviewed our Ag teacher Mr. Dan Ryba about how growing up around Nelson County waterways has impacted his life. We then interviewed Nelson County Water Resource Board chairman, Mr. Ben Varnson. We researched questions about our area waterways, his position on the board, and public involvement. After production and editing, we posted the recordings on our school's Spotify account. We feel that this is an important way to convey information about our team, and to bring awareness of our watershed to the public.

Support for the River Watch Program is provided by the Nelson County Water Resource District, Red River Watershed Management Board, Minnesota Clean Water Fund, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Red River Joint Water Resource District, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

Sampling Binder

We used our first-hand experience with sampling at our sites and applied it to our binder. Based on what we learned, we were able to describe our sites and make a step-by-step sampling guide. We are excited to continue monitoring these sites and sharing our data.

Calendar

For our calendar, we asked residents from around our county to share some of their favorite photos of Nelson County waterways. We hope we have displayed their beauty and their importance to our livelihood. We also researched national holidays relating to waterways and/or nature.

Photo from Lakota resident Lori Bazal: Stump Lake