

FY2016-17 Biennial Budget Request Worksheet

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2	Not Applicable	Surface Water	N/A	N/A	7060001	Agricultural Practices - Gully and Ravine	No	The Root River SWCD has been actively working with two landowners within a sub-watershed of Crooked Creek. These priority sites have been identified for flood control structures that will significantly reduce flood events and reduce sediment and phosphorus delivery to the Crooked Creek. Landowners have been actively seeking cost share assistance and have not been successful. These two sites contribute direct surface run-off to Crooked Creek tributary. This creek has been identified as the major brown trout habitat for Houston County. Estimating 20% of project cost (\$160,000) to JPB for technical and engineering assistance for Crooked Creek Watershed sites.

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2	2.0	N/A	The Root River Soil & Water Conservation District will provide technical and engineering assistance through JPB staff to design and install two flood control structures in the Crooked Creek Watershed. These two sites have been identified as high priority projects through the Crooked Creek Watershed board and have willing landowners that are anxious to move these projects forward. Preliminary needs and site investigations have been completed.	SWCD	Pages 25 & 26 - Houston County Comprehensive Water Plan Goal 2, Issue/Objective B, Action Item - 3 Seek federal, state and local grants including but not limited to National Fish & Wildlife (NFWF), Emergency Defense Fund (EDF), Clean Water Fund (CWF), and The Nature Conservancy to provide cost share and technical assistance to landowners for conservation practice implementation county wide; and Item 6 - Provide technical and administrative assistance to the Crooked Creek Watershed to implement their watershed plan.	Cost Share Program	\$20,901		\$20,901	\$171,099

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4	Not Applicable	Surface Water	N/A	N/A	Organization Wide	Agricultural Practices - Gully and Ravine	No	The Root River SWCD will promote and recommend installation of upland conservation practices including waterways, sediment control basins, terraces, diversions and other BMPs as identified. Houston County landowners will install BMPs to treat severe eroded sites that will result in reduced sediment loss and phosphorus delivery to streams.
5	Not Applicable	Both Surface & Groundwater	N/A	N/A	Organization Wide	Agricultural Practices - Sheet & Rill	No	Promote the Soil Health Initiative and reduce erosion rates on sensitive cropland through fall cover crop BMPs.
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