

Roy Bardole Follow-up Responses – Chicago Regional Meeting

Solutions in watersheds work well only when the driving force comes from within. Of course unless a group within sees a need nothing will happen. When a watershed group is formed it will have its own special needs. Local state and federal resources must be made known and available to them. In the Midwest there is plenty of expertise in Universities, extension, NRCS, and soil and water conservation districts to address most problems. The use of any one information (help) source must not exclude any other.

There is watershed restoration work being done in the Midwest. Some are working very well. The one I'm thinking of was initiated because of an impaired water designation. The Federal Gov helped with know-how and CRP money. Perhaps too often the Federal Government is looked at only as a funding source, but that is partially because NRCS offices are so understaffed. A lot of watershed work is not extremely technical but somewhat labor and financial intensive.

If there's any thing else I can do let me know.

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