



SSWP Fact Sheet

CREATING A WATERSHED PLAN TO ADDRESS STORMWATER ISSUES IN THE SOUTHERN SARPY WATERSHED

Acting Now will Keep the Public Safe from Future Floodwaters

Planning is crucial in managing stormwater. As development occurs, stormwater runoff increases and our streams become swollen, roads are overtopped, and low-lying areas are flooded, causing damage to both public and private properties. Creating and implementing a watershed plan can minimize the damaging effects of high runoff events. The Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (SSWP) was created in early 2016 to establish the framework for a stormwater management program and a watershed plan.

In managing stormwater, keeping a path for stormwater is important, as is keeping people away from floodwaters. The current flood studies and mapping for Sarpy County are outdated. These studies and maps need to be updated to identify accurate flood hazards and risk.

Knowing the risks and understanding the resources within the watershed are essential in making sound stormwater decisions in a developing watershed. Now is the time to be proactive and establish a plan to manage stormwater to keep the public safe by reducing the potential for future floods and restoring stream channels to their natural function.

Southern Sarpy Watershed Drains into the Elkhorn and Platte Rivers

The Southern Sarpy Watershed (Watershed) encompasses approximately 145 square miles that drain into the Elkhorn River or the Platte River in Sarpy County. The Watershed has several drainage basins, with approximately 40 percent of the area contained within the Buffalo Creek, Springfield Creek, and Zwiebel Creek Basins. Jurisdictions located within the watershed are Bellevue, Gretna, Papillion, Springfield, and Sarpy County. The remaining 100 square miles of Sarpy County are a part of the Papillion Creek Watershed.

