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In accordance with Minnesota Session Laws, 2012, Regular Session, chapter 292, article 4, section 15, attached is the second and final annual report prepared by the Minnesota State- Mankato Water Resources Center (MWRC) on the use of the $50,000 appropriation it received to prepare a report identifying potential flood mitigation measures and projects within the Zumbro River watershed.  The $50,000 general fund monies were awarded to the Mankato Water Resources Center September 24, 2012, and spent by December 31, 2013.

In 2013, the MWRC developed a river flow model for the Zumbro River Watershed capable of estimating flood levels under varying rainfall and runoff conditions.  In addition, civic engagement was solicited in form of six public meetings held throughout the watershed.

A number of appendices and project notes, data, and meeting summaries are available at the Zumbro River Watershed Partnership website at  http://www.zwn.browatershed.org/Default.aspx?pageid=1474857

If you have questions about information contained in the attached report, please contact Dr. Stephen Druschel of the MWRC at 507-389-5492, or at stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu

Sincerely,

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