

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



STRAWBERRY RIVER WATERSHED SHARP COUNTY JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2013

Mammoth Springs Viola Salem Ravend Ozark prinas 63 illage Williford Highlan Horseshoe Bend Ash Flat Ravender Imboden Oxfor Franklin 63 Piver Strawberry Smithville River Evening Melbourne Big Creek 167 Lynn Sidney Strawberry Reeds Creek The Strawberry River 0 Watershed lies in Fulton, Sharp, Independence, Izard and Lawrence counties in northeast Arkansas, covering 769 square miles. The Strawberry River is a tributary to the Black River. 0

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STRAWBERRY RIVER WATERSHED

LAND USE

Forest 56.5% Grassland 35.2% Water .4% Urban .1% Suburban 1.4% Cropland 1.8%



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The Problem:



- Strawberry River is on the 303(d) list citing pathogens and siltation as the cause.
- Agriculture activities within the watershed are thought to be the major source of nutrient runoff in the watershed.
- Most of the farms in this watershed are specializing in livestock production.

The Solution:

• Providing technical assistance and equipment for rent that allows for economical implementation of practices that are both beneficial to the water source and the landowner.



The Solution:

Educating landowners about the use of best management practices.





BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: BRUSH MANAGEMENT AND PEST MANAGEMENT





480 ACRES TREATED FOR BRUSH/PEST MANAGEMENT

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: CROSS FENCING

OVER 81,000 FEET INSTALLED



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: WATER FACILITIES

10 Installed



Best Management Practices: <u>Heavy Use Areas</u> Over 2,250 square ft. Installed



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: <u>PONDS</u>



2 Ponds completed





BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: <u>PASTURE ESTABLISHMENT</u>

No-Till Drill





CONSERVATION PLANNING: 125 PLANS WRITTEN WITH 57 CONTRACTS



ANY QUESTIONS?

