

SHELL ROCK RIVER WATERSHED



Watershed Issues

The Shell Rock River runs from Albert Lea, Minnesota to its confluence with the Cedar River a few miles north of Cedar Falls in Iowa.

- The full watershed is approximately 691,000 acres, with a little more than three-fourths of that area (533,000 acres) in north central Iowa.
- The Iowa portion includes partial areas of seven counties: Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Butler, and Bremer Counties.

A Coalition of Local Partners

In 2021, several cities, counties, and soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) voluntarily joined together to create the Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition (SRRWMC).

- The SRRWMC’s goal is to participate in the management and enhancement of the Iowa portion of the watershed.
- In 2022 the SRRWMC received grant funding to begin the development of a voluntary watershed management plan.

Coalition Members

Cities

- Nora Springs
- Northwood
- Plymouth
- Shell Rock

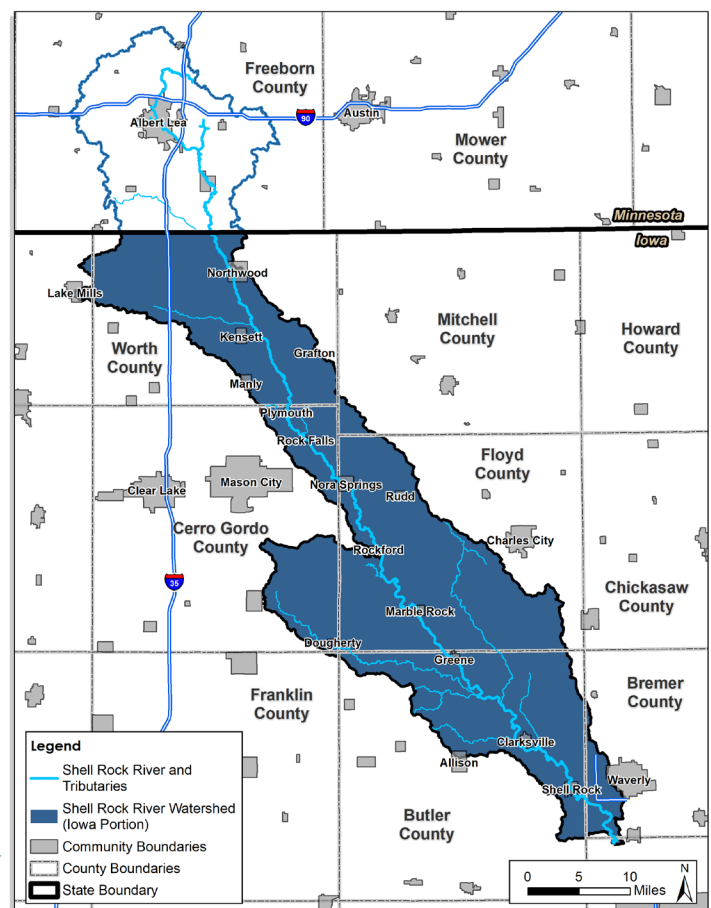
Counties

- Bremer
- Butler
- Cerro Gordo
- Floyd
- Mitchell
- Worth

Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)

- Bremer
- Butler
- Cerro Gordo
- Floyd
- Mitchell
- Worth

The Watershed Planning Area



The Planning Process

The watershed planning process is focused on the following issues:

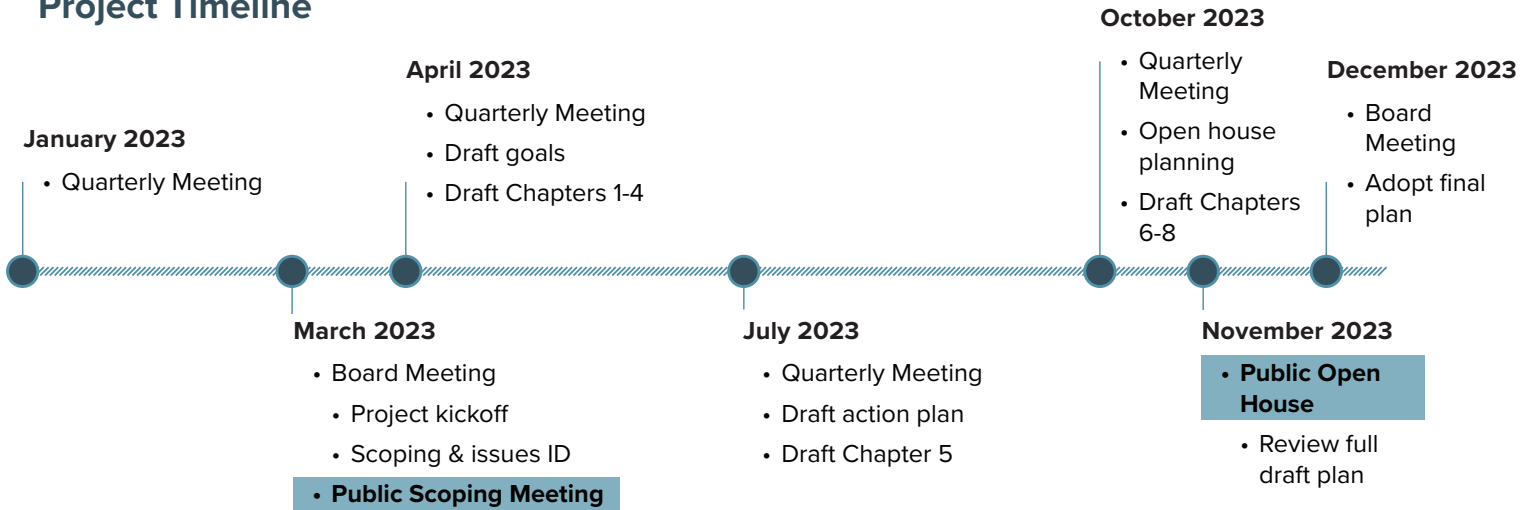
- Water Quality
- Flooding
- Recreation

The watershed plan will identify and prioritize projects and activities to address watershed concerns. Implementation of the plan is based on voluntary cooperation between SRRWMC members, farmers, and other stakeholders.

Flooding (top), water quality (bottom left) and recreation (bottom right) are the key focuses for the Shell Rock River Watershed Plan.



Project Timeline



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Visit any of the links at left to learn more about the project, stay up-to-date with the planning process and upcoming events, and review the Shell Rock River Watershed Management Plan (when available).



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