



October 29, 2021

Agenda Item # 13
Date 11/3/21

RE: Rawhide Creek WFPO Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment
Request for Agency Coordination and Invitation to Virtual Agency Scoping Meeting

The purpose of this letter is to request your coordination in the development of the Rawhide Creek Watershed Work Plan – Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) and invite you to an agency-scoping meeting. The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 83-566) authorizes the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to cooperate with State and local agencies in planning and carrying out works of improvement for soil conservation and for other purposes. The watershed program includes the development of physically, environmentally, socially, and economically sound project plans of improvements scheduled for implementation.

The Dodge County Joint Water Management Advisory Board (JWMAB) is partnering with the NRCS to conduct planning to address flooding concerns for the Rawhide Creek Watershed focusing on agricultural areas in Dodge County spanning approximately from the City of North Bend east to Fremont (see attached map).

The Dodge County JWMAB is hosting an agency scoping meeting for all interested agencies to support development of the Plan-EA. To allow for more convenient participation, the agency scoping meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Agencies are invited to provide insight, present questions, and discuss project development with the project team. An in-person public meeting at a separate meeting facility will follow the agency meeting to obtain public feedback. Project information will be presented and personnel from the project team will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

Agency Meeting Details

Thursday, November 18, 2021

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Call In: [+1 531-205-2205,957302849#](tel:+15312052205957302849)

Toll Free: [\(833\) 798-7807,957302849#](tel:8337987807957302849)

Conference ID: 957 302 849#

Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

RSVP requested – email Alyssa Tenorio at atenorio@jeo.com

October 27, 2021

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The main purpose of the project is to identify projects that will reduce flood risk to agricultural property, homes, and businesses in the plan area. JEO Consulting Group (JEO) has been retained by the Dodge County JWMAB to assist in developing the Plan-EA.

The Plan-EA is being prepared to fulfill National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities pertaining to federal financial assistance received through the NRCS's Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program. As part of our coordination efforts, we are contacting you because of your agency's or organization's area of expertise and/or jurisdiction by law. If applicable, we invite you to comment on the proposed project and its impact on your agency's resource(s) and permitting requirements. Any input or comments that your organization may have will be greatly appreciated and addressed as needed. We kindly request any written comments you have prior to the meeting. An environmental assessment document will then be prepared to comply with environmental regulations.

Please RSVP for the Rawhide Creek WFPO agency scoping meeting to Alyssa Tenorio by Friday, November 12, 2021 at atenorio@jeo.com if you would like to participate in the scoping meeting. She will provide a calendar invite with the virtual log-in information to help facilitate the meeting.

Any written comments or requests regarding the project should be submitted to John Petersen with JEO at jpetersen@jeo.com, 402.392.9923, or mailed directly to the JEO Omaha office at 11213 Davenport Street Ste. 200, Omaha, NE 68154. Thank you in advance for your attendance.

Sincerely,



John Petersen
Project Manager, JEO Consulting Group

CC (via email):

Tom Smith, Director, Dodge County Emergency Management
Tom Mountford, Assistant Manager, Lower Platte North NRD
Allen Gehring, State Conservation Engineer, Nebraska NRCS
Richard Vaughn, Watershed Planning Coordinator, Nebraska NRCS
Adam Rupe, Environmental Planner, JEO Consulting Group

Attachments: Project Location Map

