

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. BUDGET REVIEW
3. SWCP

3.A. SWCP Application Approvals

Listed below are four eligible applications recommended for approval:

23-S-1 JAMES VANEK*	\$	12,500.00	TOT/WASCB TO
23-S-2 STEVEN DOUGLAS	\$	12,500.00	TOT/WASCB TO
23-S-3 GREGG FUJAN	\$	5,581.51	TOT/WASCB TO
23-B-1 DONALD KREJCI	\$	12,500.00	TOT/WASCB TO

3.B. SWCP Payments

3.C. SWCP Cancellations

3.D. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD (JWMAB)

4.A. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Drainage - FEMA HMPG

The NRD is continuing to work with the LPDC on approving a letter of support for the project.

4.B. West Fremont - FEMA BRIC

4.C. Rawhide Creek Watershed - NRCS WFPO

A public open house is being scheduled for September 6th from 5:00-7:00 at the Fremont UNL Extension office - 1206 W 23rd Street.

A project update meeting occurred on August 2nd, 2023 and the power point is attached.

4.D. North Bend Drainage Project

Dodge County on behalf of North Bend Drainage District submitted a second milestone date modification request due to State and FEMA technical review delays. The public notice ended on July 13th, but now it must be reviewed by a special federal committee due to its anticipated \$1 million dollar price tag. This special review is anticipated to take another two weeks and then all the paperwork

necessary to kick off phase II of the project will need to be completed. The intent is to still have project construction completed by the end of summer 2024.

4.E. Cameras and stage-only stream gages on Lower Platte River bridges

We received a \$20,210 invoice (attached) from USGS for annual operation and maintenance of 5 cameras and 2 stage-only streamgages on Lower Platte River bridges. The invoice will be paid based on our agreement with USGS and split 4 ways between Papio NRD, Dodge County, City of Fremont, and ourselves based on our interlocal agreement. Both agreements are effective through September 30, 2024. Next year we will revisit the agreements.

5. SHELL CREEK WATERSHED

Onsite Wastewater System upgrade application

5.A. Shell Creek Implementation - 319 & NET

Our NDEE 319 grant was signed on July 21st. The SCWIG team and volunteer monitoring students will be attending and presenting at the international SWCS conference, August 7th - 9th.

5.B. Septic System Upgrade

We received two applications for septic system upgrades:

Roger Goedeken, Platte County

Kyle Reed, Platte County

Cost-share is reimbursable through 319 grant up to 60% with an estimated total cost of \$12,500. Cost-share estimated to be \$7,500.

6. WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED

6.A. Dam Site Planning Update

On 7/13, Elliott and Chapman accompanied NRCS engineers, and liaison Mountford, for a site visit and discussion on status of Wahoo Creek. The engineers are new to NRCS and are responsible for checking designs submitted through the WFPO program.

6.A.1. Design - Olsson

Attached are this month's invoices and progress report for design. Olsson completed edits for sites 26AB and 27 and have updated the Sharepoint site with 100% status documents.

Olsson submitted permit application to USCAE on 7/31. Next step, there is a 30 day public notice that the USCAE requires on all 404 permits.

Invoice 772 (1st 3): \$2,959.26

Invoice 773 (2nd 7): \$60,140.04

6.A.2. Real Estate - Olsson & Great Plains Appraisal

Danielle Allen, Olsson real estate, Cody Gerdes, Great Plains Appraisal, and staff met to discuss the projected timeline for easement acquisitions. There was a delay caused by USACE permitting/mitigation planning which didn't allow Great Plains to start field work. All mitigation areas have been identified and included in exhibits Olsson has provided to Great Plains. It had been expected

that we would need to work with two new landowners/parcels to fulfill mitigation requirements, however, after further planning they were deemed unnecessary.

Great Plains plans to have appraisals for 26AB and 27 ready for staff/committee review by next Projects committee, 8/31.

6.A.3. Funding - NRCS WFPO & NeDNR JEDI

6.B. Water Quality - NWQI & 319

NRCS and NDEE are working on finalizing the NWQI plan. As previously mentioned, we will begin working on a NDEE 319 funding application to hire a coordinator.

7. LOWER PLATTE RIVER COORIDOR ALLIANCE

8. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE

9. WOLFE JETTY

10. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

This month's Leshara invoice is less than \$500, so they are going to wait till next month. They are applying for another CDB Grant for phase II and hope to be able to complete this phase in 2024. They are requesting a letter of support from the NRD to submit with their grant application. The letter is needed by August 15. Staff will develop a letter of support based off our \$62,000 financial commitment.

11. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

12. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The FEMA grant to fund our Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted in December 2022. NEMA informed us that they have a pool of Subrecipient Management Costs funds and we are eligible for up to \$12,500. We recently submitted a request for those funds to offset internal staff costs related to developing the plan.

13. OTHER

On 7/24 representatives from the USACE met with staff to discuss the new Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Pilot program. The program's goal is funding water resources projects for economically disadvantaged communities.

The CAP program will provide 100% federal cost assistance for planning, design and construction up to \$10,000,000. The local sponsor will be responsible for acquiring land rights and maintenance of any constructed projects.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Rawhide WFPO Plan-EA

NRCS AND PARTNER UPDATE MEETING
8/2/2023



Agenda

Background and General Status Update

Field Work and Landowners

Mitigation

Meetings and Schedule

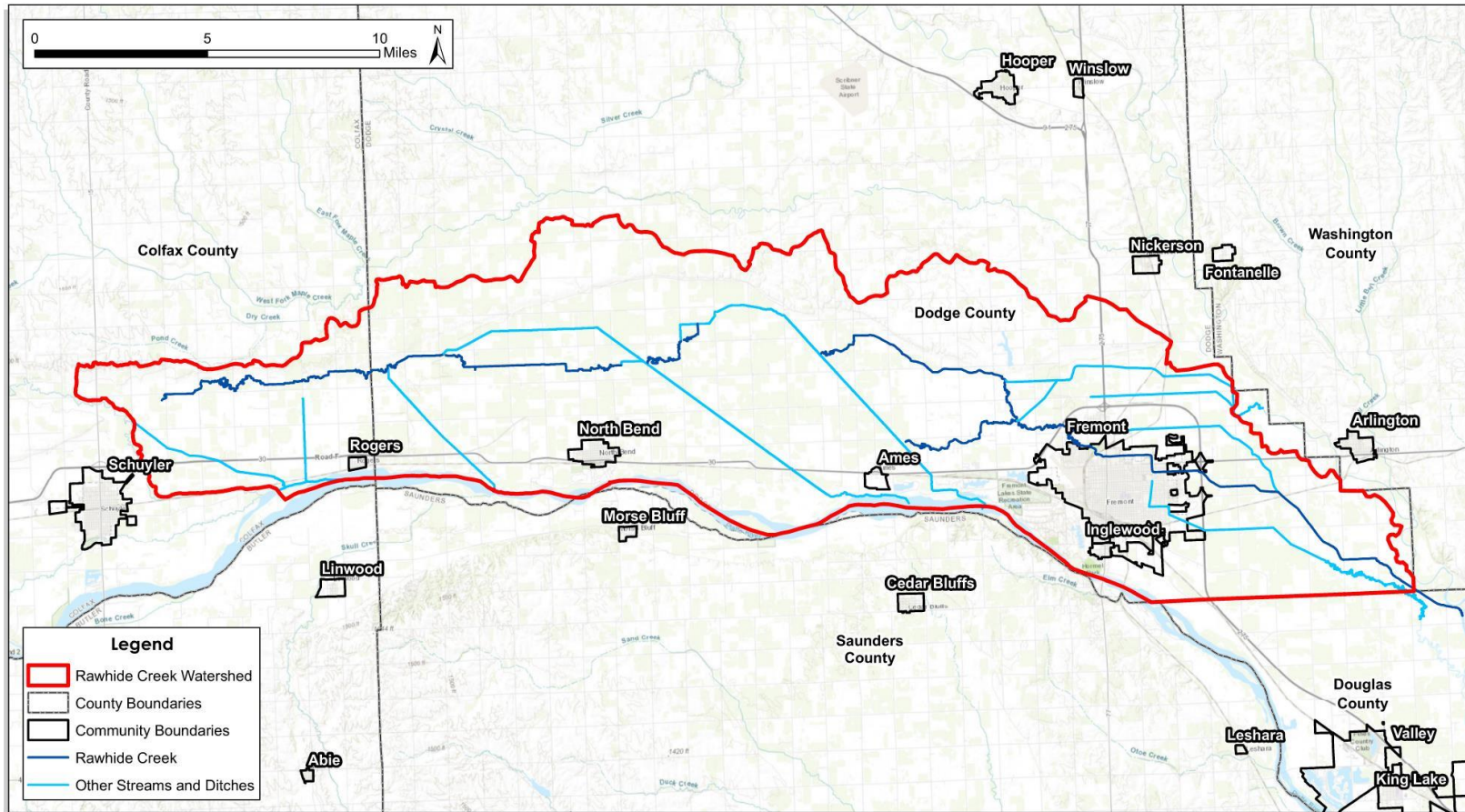


Background and General Status

- Watershed
- Alternatives Considered
- Costs
- Economics
- Plan Status



Background and General Status



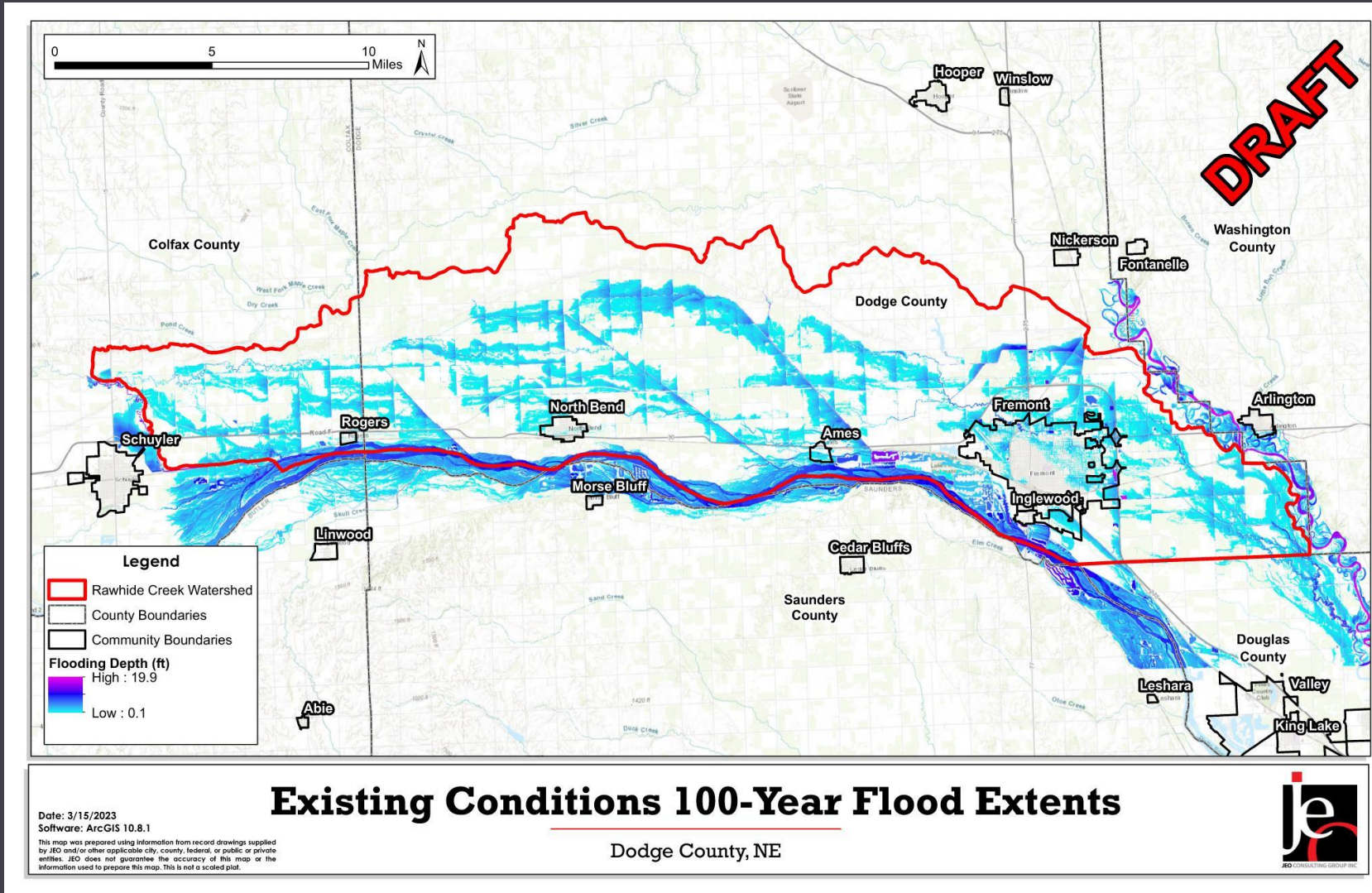
Rawhide Creek Watershed

Dodge County, NE

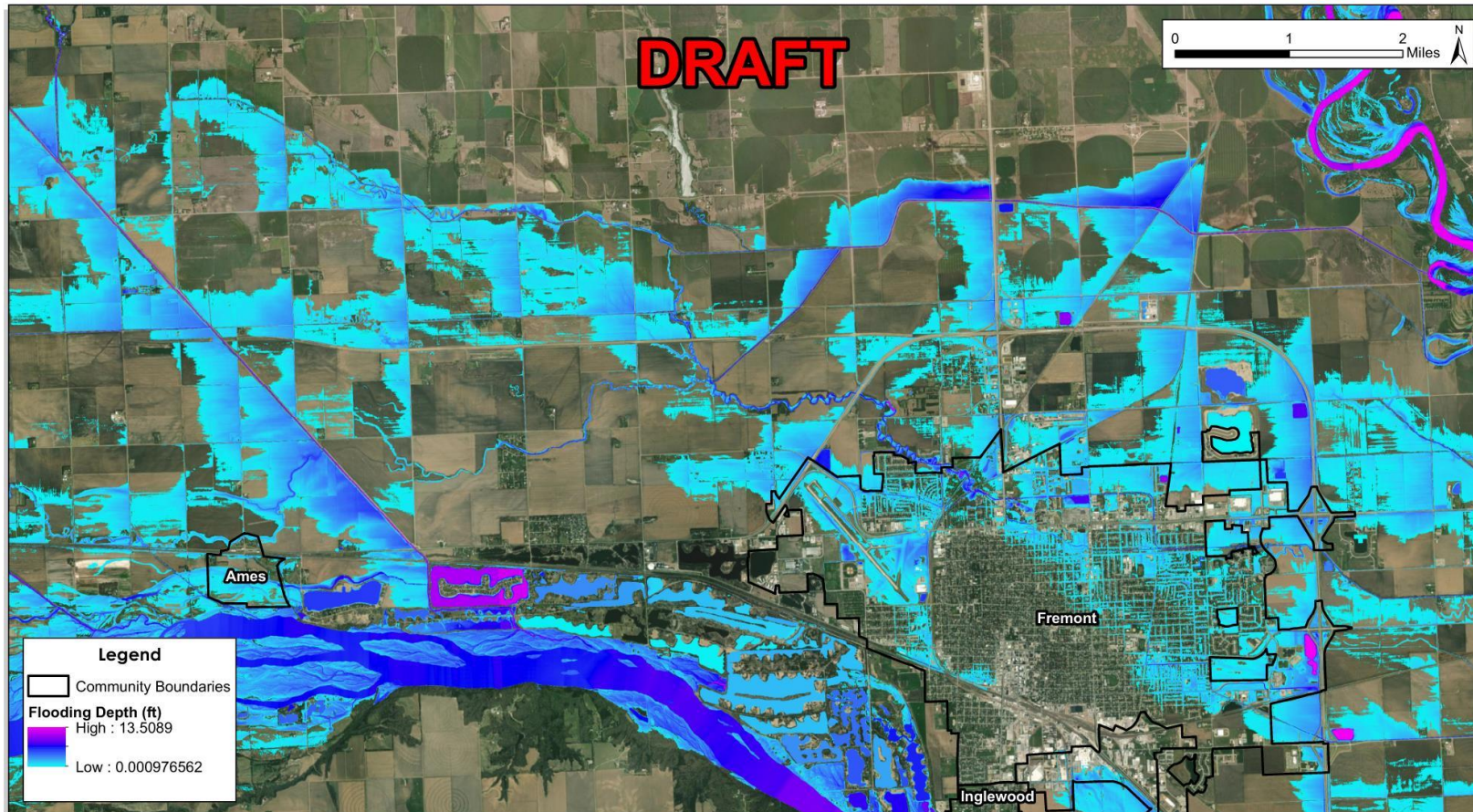
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Background and General Status



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Existing Conditions 100-Year Flood Extents

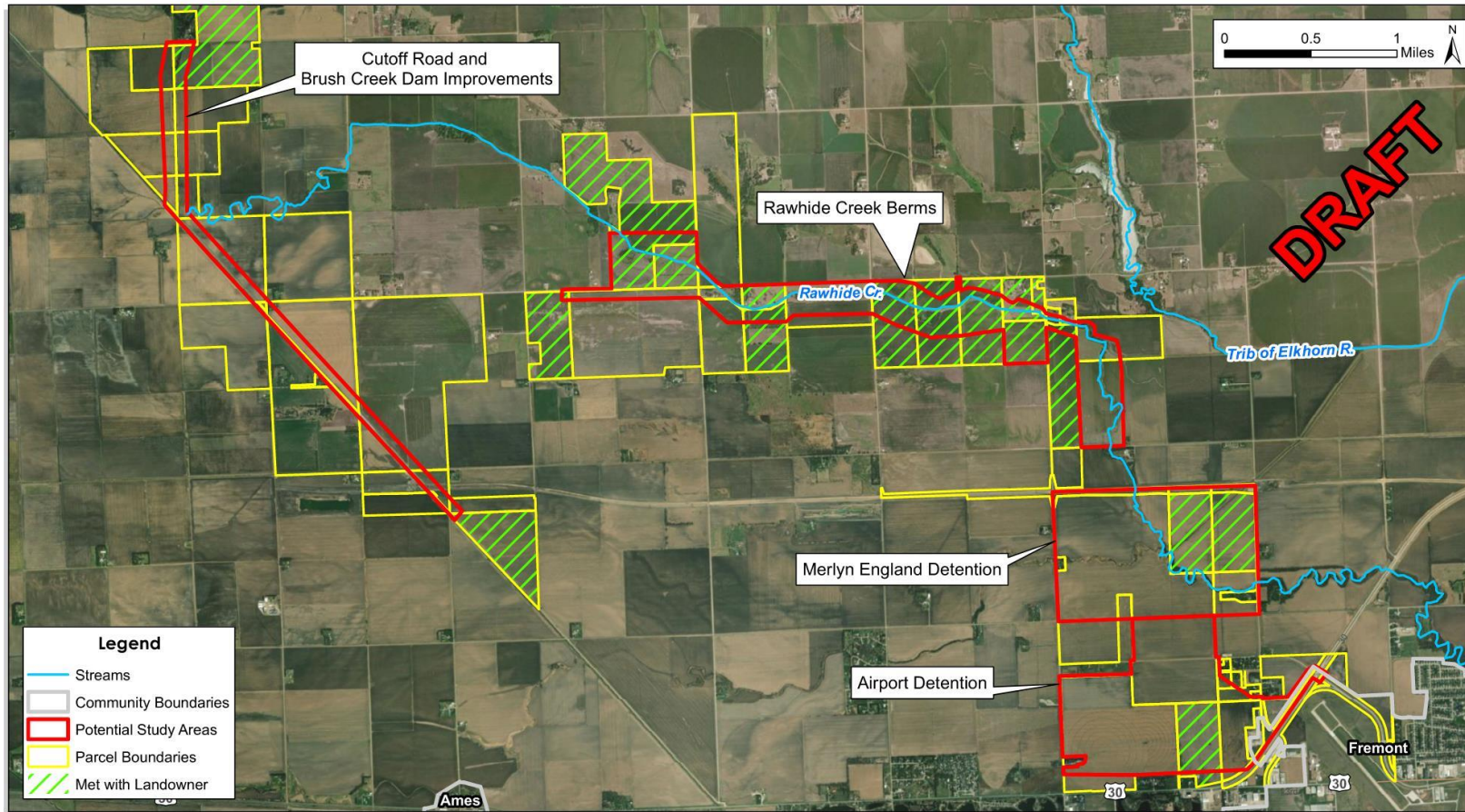
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Dodge County, NE



Alternatives



Legend

- Streams
- Community Boundaries
- Potential Study Areas
- Parcel Boundaries
- Met with Landowner

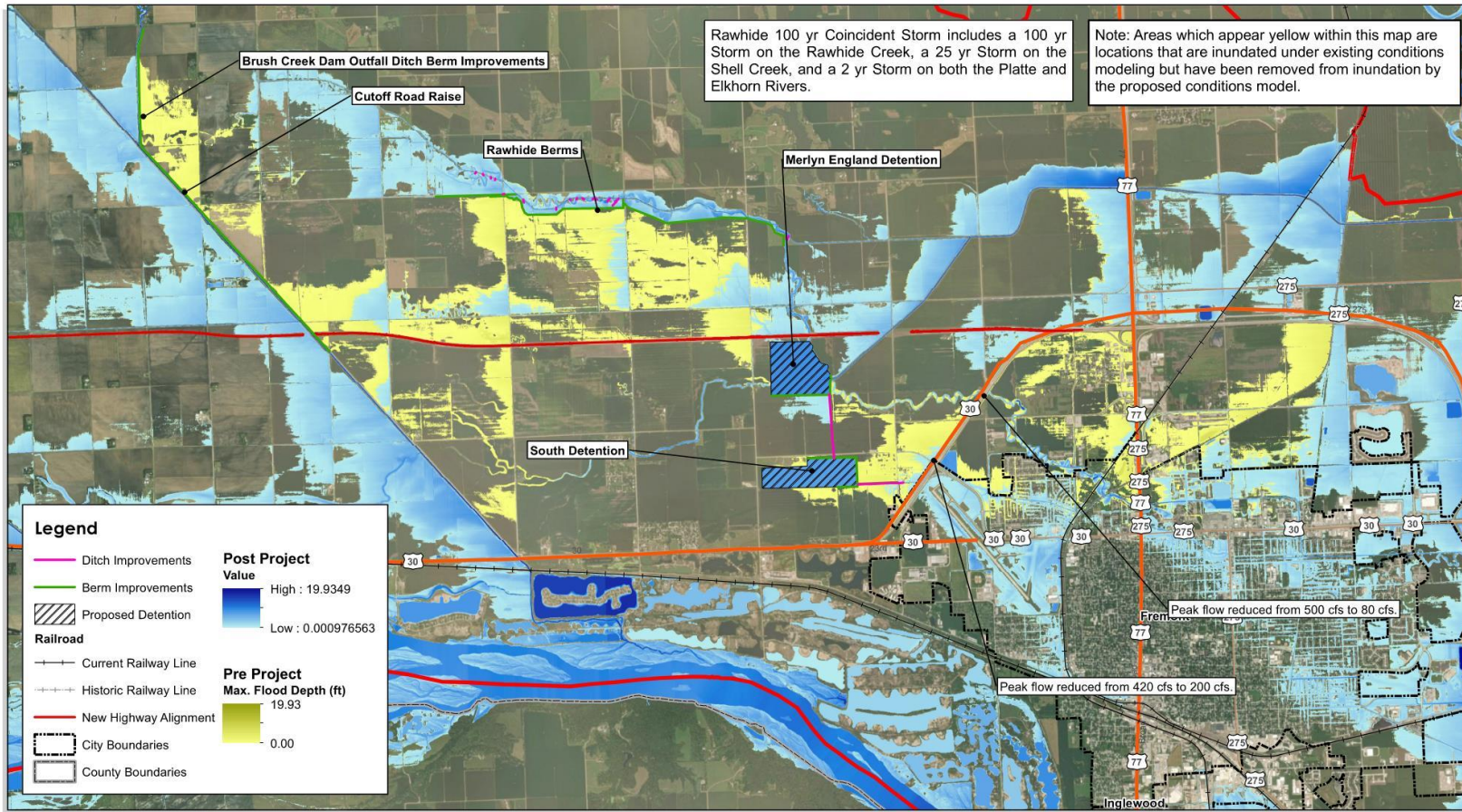
Rawhide Creek WFPO Potential Alternatives

Dodge County, NE

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Alternatives



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Rawhide Creek 100-year Coincident Flow - Reworked Alternatives 1-4

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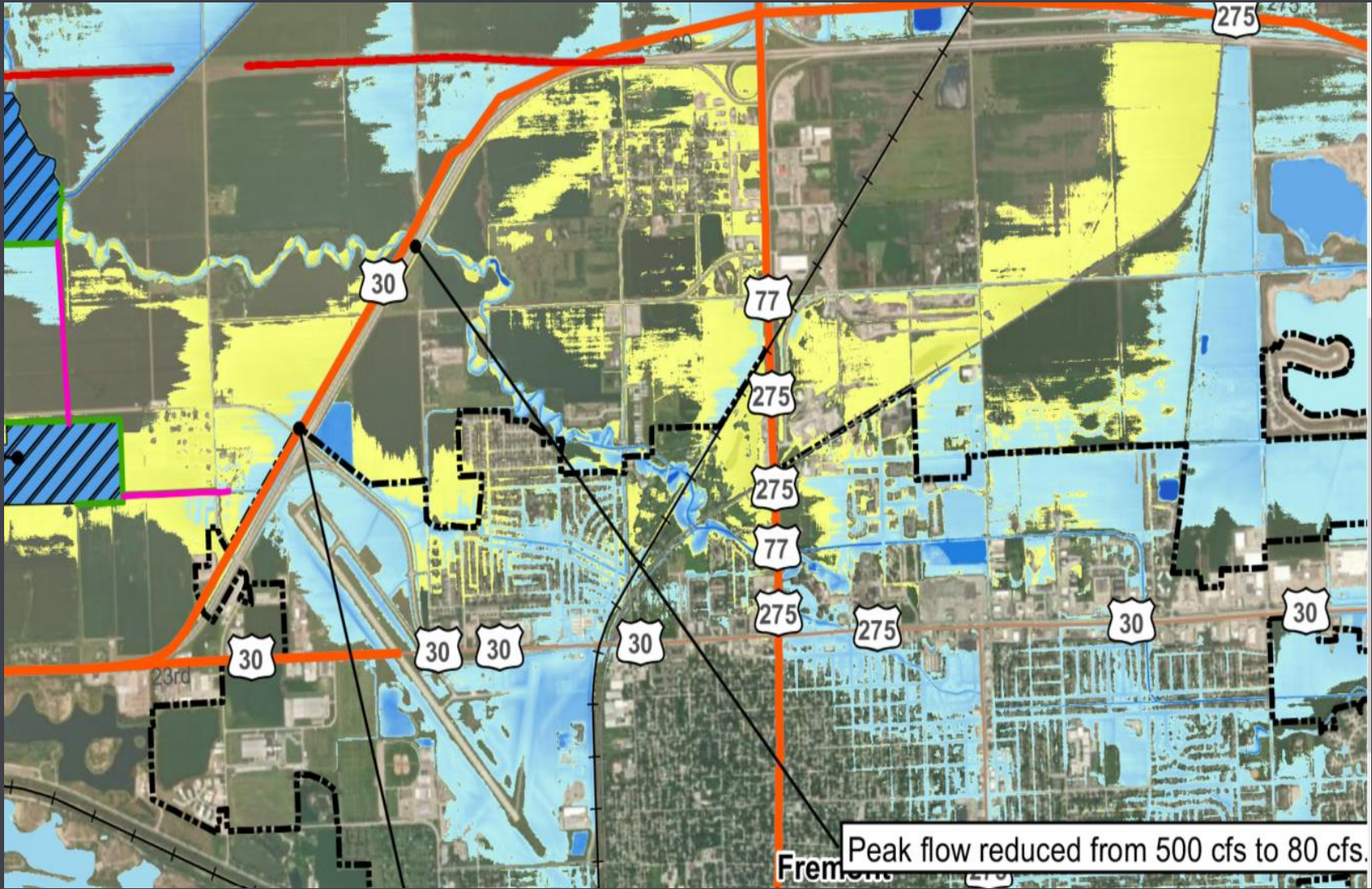
Rawhide Creek WFPO

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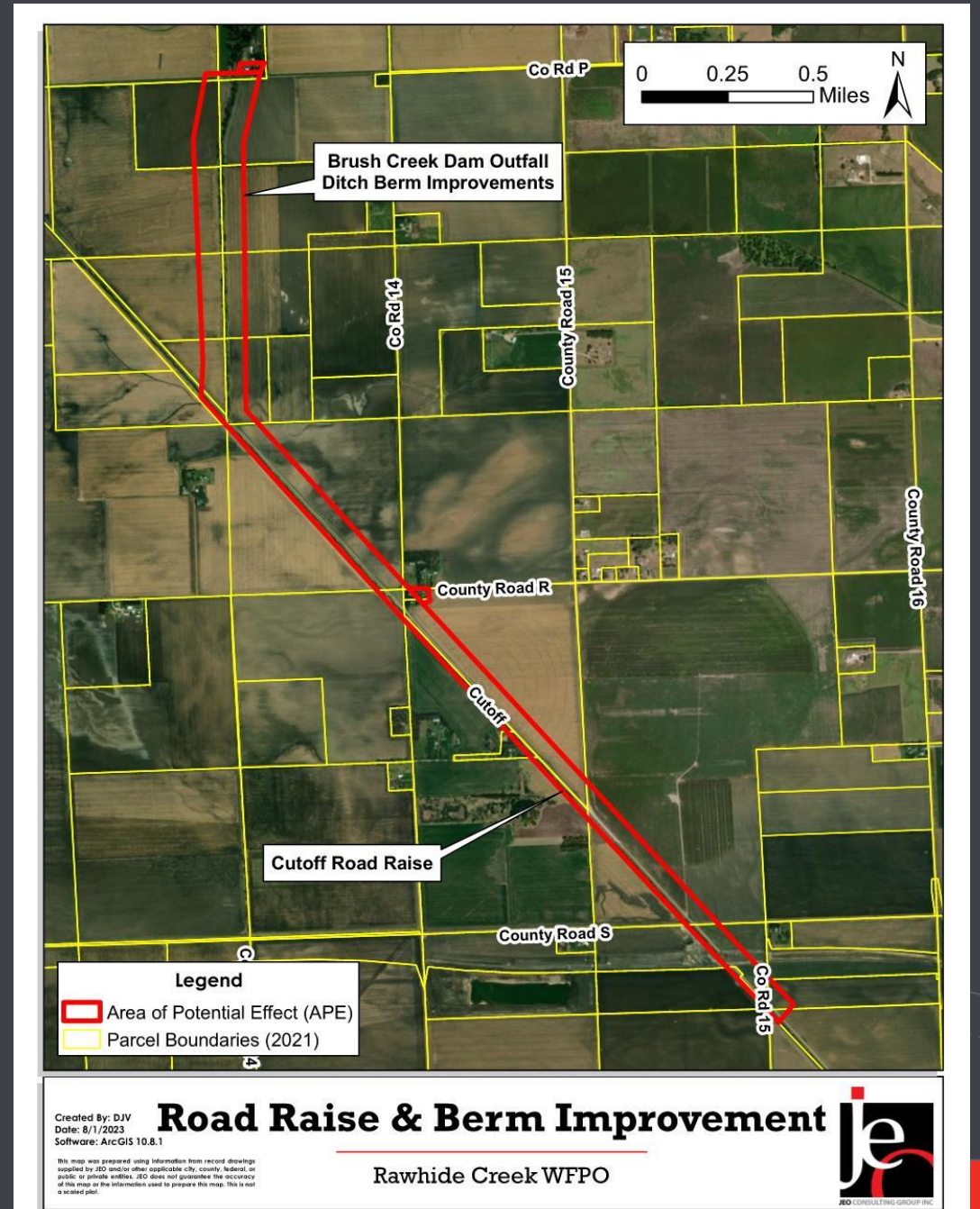
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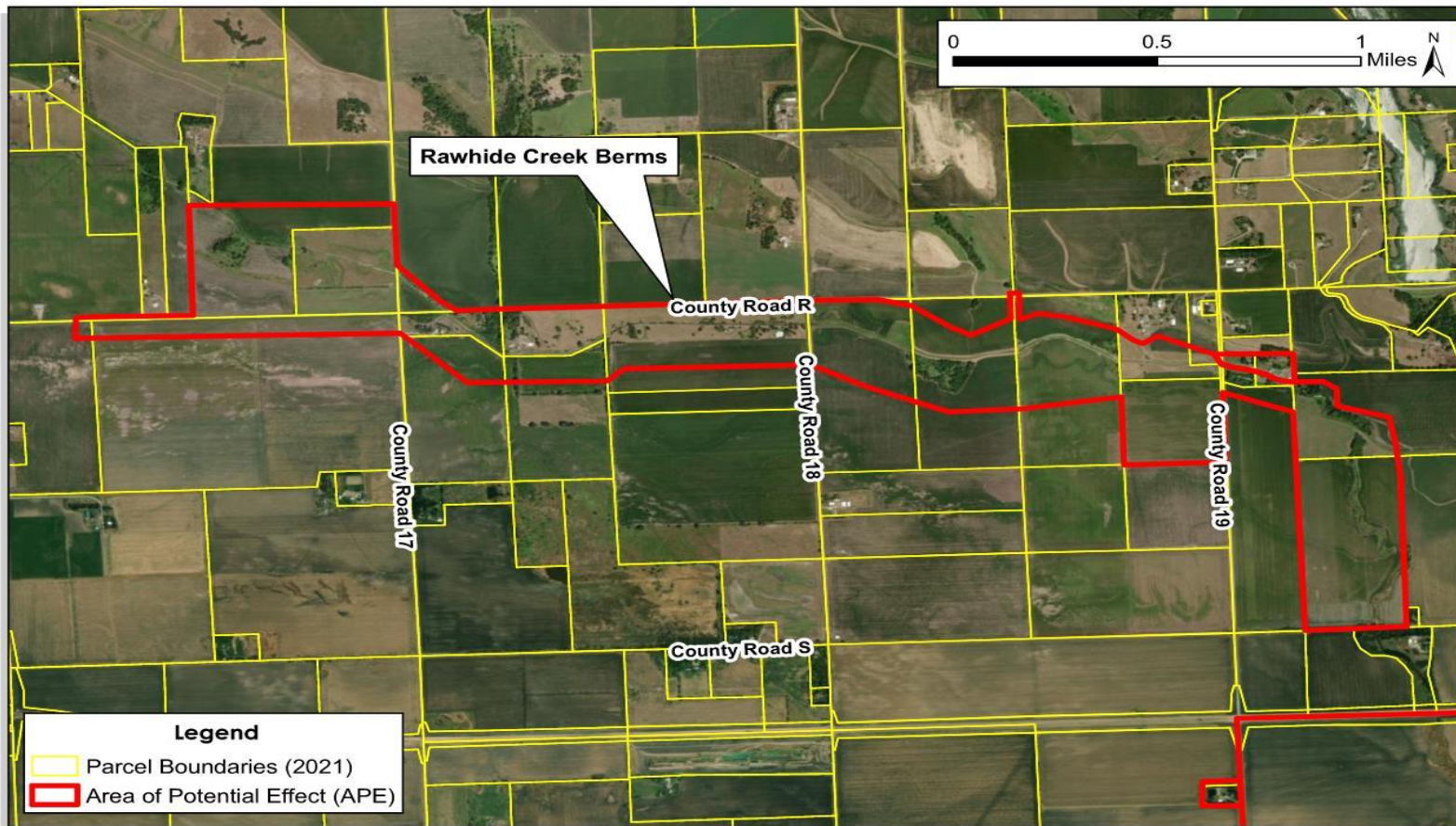


Alternatives

- Brush Creek Berm average 4-5 ft height
- Cutoff Road raise average less than 1 ft height



Alternatives



- Rawhide Berm averages about 6 ft height
- Several county road crossings

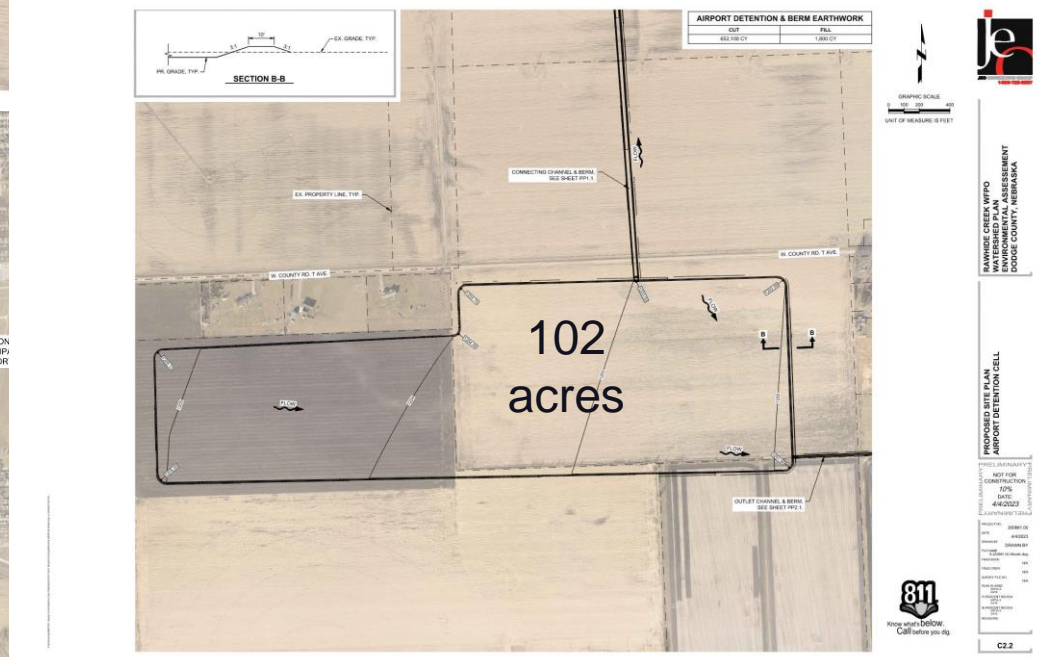
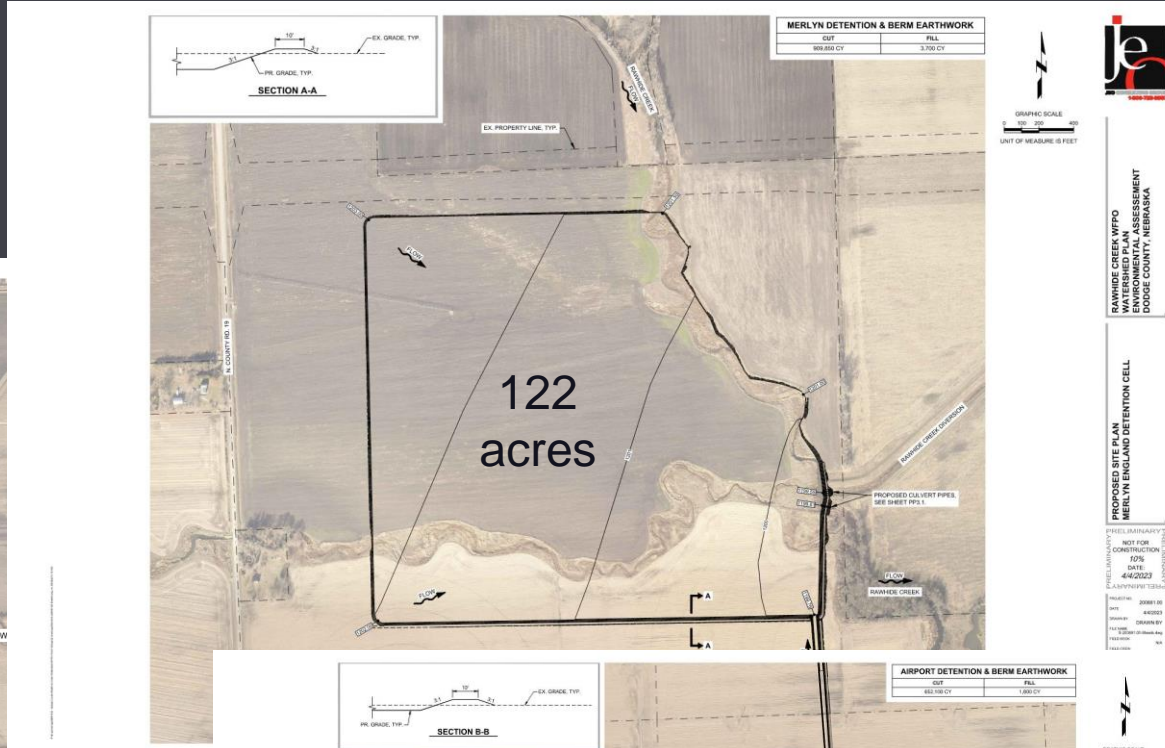
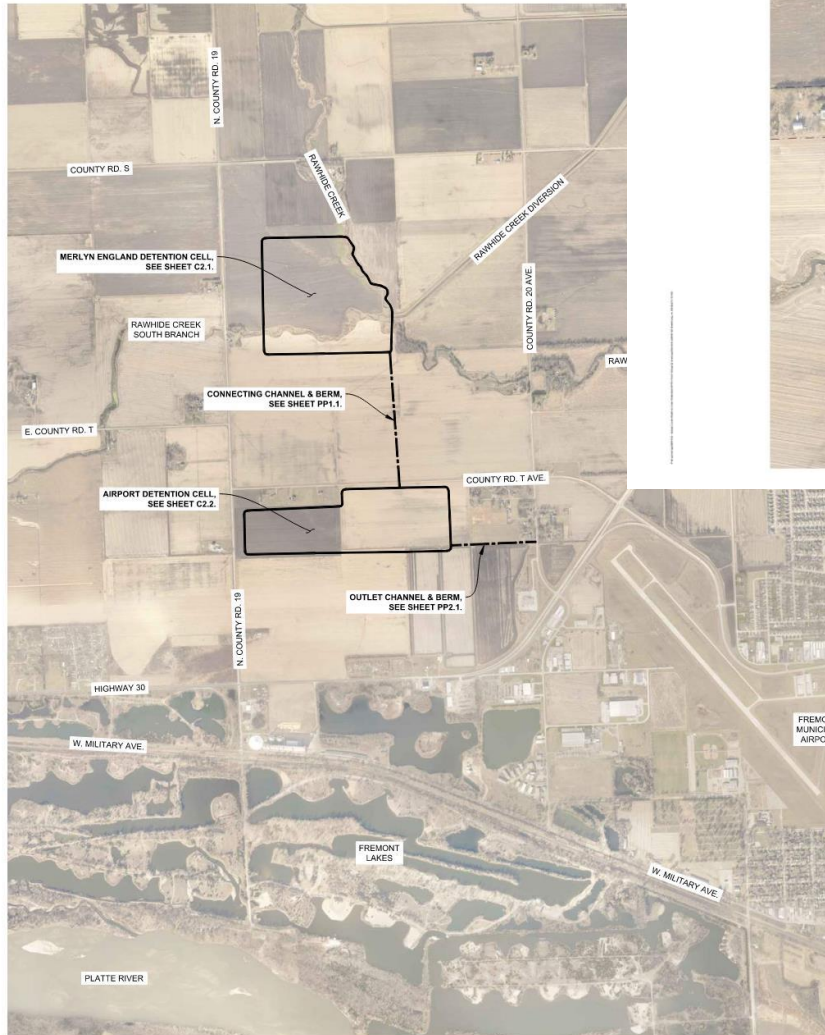
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Rawhide Creek Berms APE

Rawhide Creek WFPO



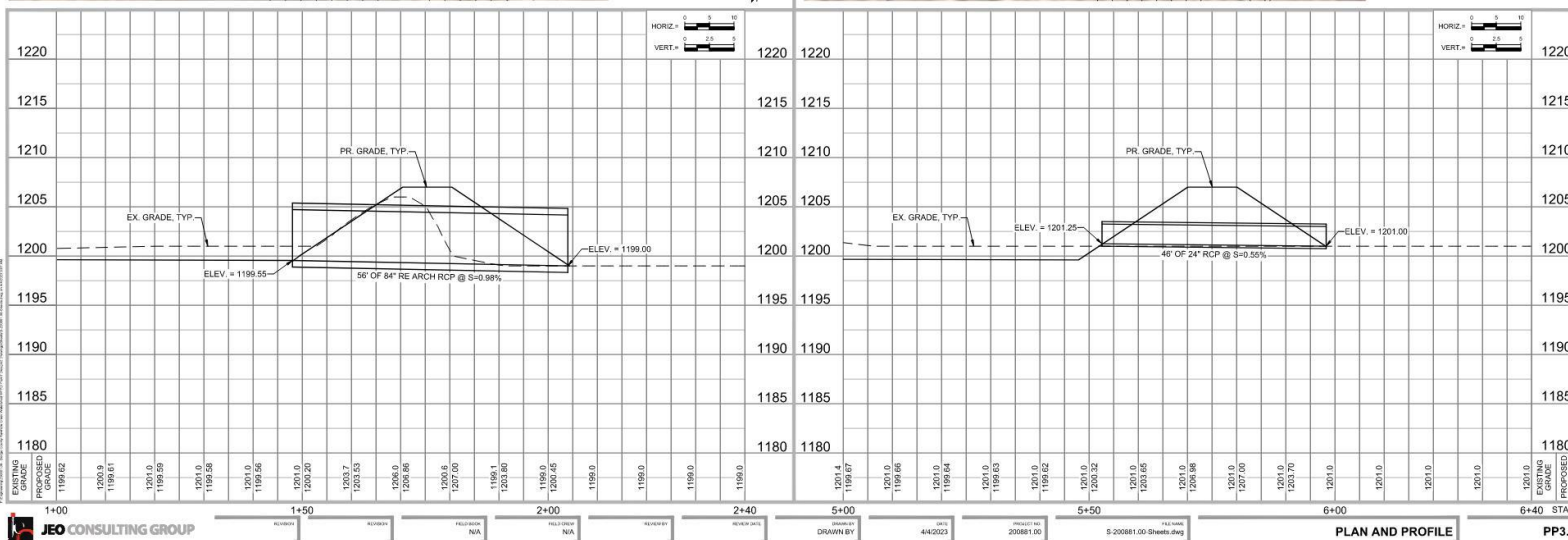
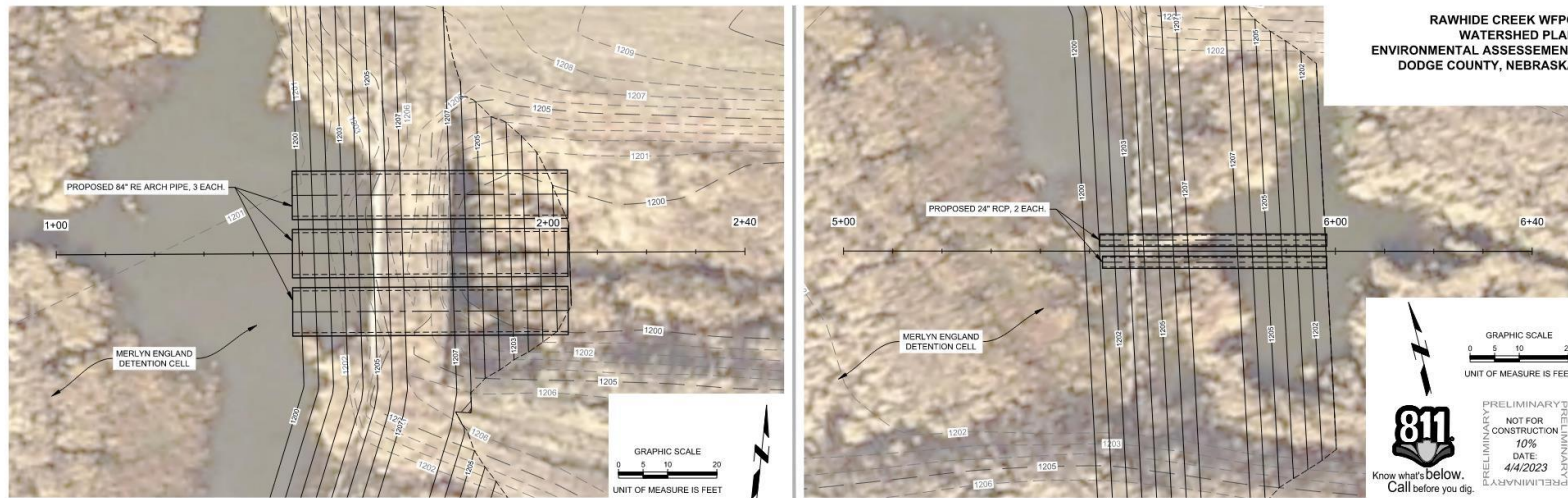
Alternatives



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Alternatives

- Merlyn England Cell Classified as Dam according to NeDNR regulations
- About 4-5 ft excavation
- With berm, 7-8 ft average depth
- Airport Cell may avoid state dam regulation



Alternatives - Costs

Project	Total Cost	Federal	Local
Fremont Cutoff, Brush Creek Berm	\$1,601,300	\$700,600	\$900,700
Rawhide Berms	\$7,851,100	\$2,883,100	\$4,968,000
Merlyn England Detention	\$19,179,400	\$14,820,700	\$4,358,700
Airport Detention	\$13,862,400	\$10,277,000	\$3,585,400
TOTALS	\$42,494,200	\$28,681,400	\$13,812,800



Alternatives - Economics

- Incremental Analysis – 4 rounds
 - Flood damage
- Removed 'Ditch S' Project
- Inclusion of Environmental Benefits



Alternatives - Economics

Project	Increment	Cumulative
Existing	NA	NA
Cutoff Rd & Brush Creek	1.85	1.85
Merlyn England	0.62	0.71
Rawhide Berms	0.01	0.52
Airport Detention & Connection	3.84	1.59



Plan Status



- Chapters 1-4
- Remaining Chapters (full draft) – end of September
- Lessons Learned from Mud Creek and Others



Field Work



- Cultural Resources
 - Approximately 80% complete
 - No major red flags
- Geotechnical
 - Should be starting shortly



Field Work

- Environmental Science
 - Underway
 - Wetlands, Tree Inventory, NeSCAP
- General
 - Some follow-up may be required after harvest, especially for Geotech
 - At least one month processing of data and reporting following field work completion



Other Topics

- Wetland Mitigation Banking
 - Feasibility
 - Requirements



Schedule, Milestones, Meetings

- September 6 - Public Open House
 - General update to the public
 - 5-7 PM, UNL Extension, Fremont
- ESA Consultation
- Clean Water Act Review
 - Can this be combined with 90%?
- 90% Review
 - Internal goal for end of September. Early October to Sponsor and Local NRCS
- Submittal to National: November
- Agreement Deadline: end of March, 2024



Thank You



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DOWN PAYMENT (BILL) REQUEST

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Billing Contact: Amanda Flynn, Budget Analyst Phone: 402-328-4144

Bill #: 91085691
Customer: 6000000136
Date: 07/18/2023
Due Date: 09/16/2023

Remit Payment To: United States Geological Survey
P.O. Box 6200-27
Portland, OR 97228-6200

Payer: LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
P.O. BOX 126
WAHOO NE 68066

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Amount Due this Bill: 20,210.00

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Invoice



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 PO Box 84608
 Lincoln, NE 68501-4608
 Tel 402.474.6311, Fax 402.474.5063

July 26, 2023
 Invoice No: 464773

Ryan Chapman
 Lower Platte North NRD
 PO Box 126
 Wahoo, NE 68066-0126

Invoice Total \$60,140.04

Olsson Project # A18-34230 Lower Platte North NRD Wahoo Creek Watershed & 7 Dam Sites
 Phase II
 Professional services rendered June 11, 2023 through July 8, 2023 for work completed in accordance with agreement.

Phase	100	Sites 55 66 77 82 84 85 86 Project Management		
Labor				
			Hours	Amount
Assistant Professional			8.75	1,284.76
Totals			8.75	1,284.76
Total Labor				1,284.76
			Total this Phase	\$1,284.76

Phase	110	Geotechnical Engineering		
Labor				
			Hours	Amount
Assistant Engineer			2.50	244.73
Technician			.50	37.53
Principal			7.50	1,924.43
Project Professional			77.00	10,735.34
Assistant Professional			6.00	521.00
Administrative/Clerical			2.00	157.34
Totals			95.50	13,620.37
Total Labor				13,620.37

Unit Billing				
Triaxial Comp Cons Undrained-Remold				
1 Test @ \$2,400/Test				2,400.00
Total Units				2,400.00
			Total this Phase	\$16,020.37

Phase	120	Dam Design		
Labor				
			Hours	Amount
Principal			8.75	1,362.64

Project	A18-34230	Lower Platte North NRD Wahoo Creek Water	Invoice	464773
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Assistant Professional	229.50	20,916.21	
Designer	80.00	9,872.00	
Totals	318.25	32,150.85	
Total Labor			32,150.85

Total this Phase \$32,150.85

Phase	130	Permitting
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Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Assistant Professional	81.50	10,684.06	
Totals	81.50	10,684.06	
Total Labor			10,684.06

Total this Phase \$10,684.06

AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE \$60,140.04

Authorized By: Andrew Phillips

INVOICE PAYMENT IS REQUESTED WITHIN 30 DAYS

Invoice



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Tel 402.474.6311, Fax 402.474.5063

July 26, 2023
Invoice No: 464772

Ryan Chapman
Lower Platte North NRD
PO Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066-0126

Invoice Total \$2,959.26

Olsson Project # 018-34230 Lower Platte North NRD Wahoo Creek Watershed & 3 Dam Sites
Professional services rendered June 11, 2023 through July 8, 2023 for work completed in accordance with agreement.

Phase 040 Permitting

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Assistant Professional	28.50	2,959.26	
Totals	28.50	2,959.26	
Total Labor			2,959.26

Total this Phase \$2,959.26

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date
Total Billings	2,959.26	523,164.00	526,123.26
Limit			702,329.00
Balance Remaining			176,205.74

AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE \$2,959.26

Email invoice to: rchapman@lpnnrd.org

Authorized By: Andrew Phillips

Progress Report for Wahoo Creek Watershed Dams Sites



Lower Platte North NRD

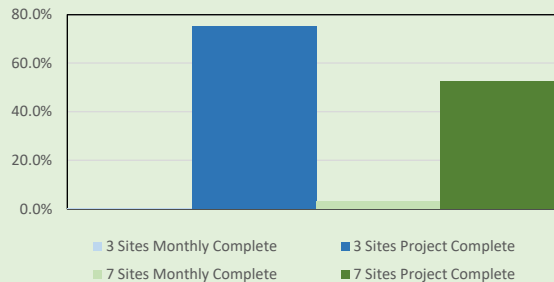
For Work Completed During The Month Of : June, 2023
(through 7/8/23)

Project # 018-3423 Dam Site 26A, 26B, &27 Project Phase	Phase Budget	Billings for Month		Project Total Billings to Date	
		Current Earned/Billings	% Completed This Month	JTD Earned/Billings	% Completed Overall
010 - Project Management/Meetings	\$ 23,213		0.0%	\$ 14,067.55	60.6%
020 - Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 224,493		0.0%	\$ 226,775.48	101.0%
030 - Dam Design	\$ 184,885		0.0%	\$ 199,168.83	107.7%
040 - Permitting	\$ 86,634	\$ 2,959.26	3.4%	\$ 60,884.18	70.3%
050 - Survey and Legal Descriptions	\$ 11,142		0.0%	\$ 23,636.47	212.1%
060 - Community/Public Participation	\$ -			\$ -	
070 - Construction Services	\$ 171,962			\$ 1,590.75	0.9%
				\$ -	
3 Sites Totals	\$ 702,329	\$ 2,959.26	0.4%	\$ 526,123.26	74.9%

Project # A18-3423 (separate invoice) Sites 55, 66, 77, 82, 84, 85, &86 Project Phase	Phase Totals	Billings for Month		Project Total Billings to Date	
		Current Earned/Billings	% Completed This Month	JTD Earned/Billings	% Completed Overall
100 - Project Management/Meetings	\$ 60,813	\$ 1,284.76	2.1%	\$ 31,890.44	52.4%
110 - Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 592,047	\$ 16,020.37	2.7%	\$ 500,221.87	84.5%
120 - Dam Design	\$ 425,202	\$ 32,150.85	7.6%	\$ 375,453.71	88.3%
130 - Permitting	\$ 244,810	\$ 10,684.06	4.4%	\$ 95,134.10	38.9%
140 - Survey and Legal Descriptions	\$ 28,165		0.0%	\$ 31,508.10	111.9%
150 - Community/Public Participation	\$ 30,000		0.0%	\$ 5,899.20	19.7%
160 - Other	\$ -			\$ -	
170- Construction Services	\$ 603,992			\$ -	0.0%
7 Sites Totals	\$ 1,985,029	\$ 60,140.04	3.0%	\$ 1,040,107.42	52.4%

Billings For Month	\$ 63,099.30
Total Billings To Date	\$ 1,566,230.68
Project Budget	\$ 2,687,358.00
Budget Remaining	\$ 1,121,127.32

% Budget Spent Per Site



Summary Of Work Completed This Month	
Sites 26A, 26B, & 27	Sites 55,66,77,82,84,85, & 86
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Updated final comments from NRCS -Environmental mitigation calculations, NeSCAP reporting, creating maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H&H excavation modeling and sheets, principal spillway modeling, plan sheet updates for 60% submittal for Sites 66 & 82. -Geotechnical analysis, laboratory and report prep for sites 66 and 82. -Land rights maps for Real Estate discussions -Specification updates -Project management -Wetland mitigation calculations and NESCAP calculation book

Planned Work For Next Month	
Site 26A, 26B, & 27	Sites 55, 66, 77, 82, 84, 85, & 86
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Scheduling meeting with NRCS to review final comments and changes completed for plans and reports -Finalizing permit for planned submittal by end of July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -H&H design, centerline layout, and auxiliary spillway design -Geotechnical design calculations for 84, 85, and 86 -Structural calculations for riser and outlet structure for remaining dams -Goal is to have 84, 85, & 86 60% submittal to NRCS by end of August

For questions regarding billings, please contact Andrew Phillips at (402) 440-8807 or aphillips@olsson.com

Invoice



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Tel 402.474.6311, Fax 402.474.5063

July 24, 2023
Invoice No: 464215

Ryan Chapman
Lower Platte North NRD
PO Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066-0126

Invoice Total \$459.78

Olsson Project # 023-00443 LPNNRD Wahoo Creek Watershed Flood Reduction Project Real Estate Services
Professional services rendered through July 8, 2023 for work completed in accordance with our Agreement dated February 17, 2023.

Phase	100	Real Estate Acquisitions		
Labor				
			Hours	Amount
Principal			2.00	459.78
	Totals		2.00	459.78
	Total Labor			459.78
			Total this Phase	\$459.78

Billing Limits	Current	Prior	To-Date	
Total Billings	459.78	16,876.91	17,336.69	
Limit			210,000.00	
Balance Remaining			192,663.31	
	AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE			\$459.78

Billings to Date	Current	Prior	Total
Labor	459.78	16,558.54	17,018.32
Expense	0.00	318.37	318.37
Totals	459.78	16,876.91	17,336.69

Email invoices to: rchapman@lpnnrd.org; selliott@lpnnrd.org and CC: jbreunig@lpnnrd.org

Authorized By: Danielle Allen

Pilot Program for Water Resources Projects for Small or Disadvantaged Communities

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is launching a pilot program to fully fund small water resources projects for economically disadvantaged communities. Project proposals are due by August 21, 2023. Details on how to apply and what information is needed in project proposals is described below. A more detailed description of the requirements for a project proposal can be found in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 Section 165 policy guidance issued on June 12, 2023. That guidance can be found at: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda_2020/

Background: Project proposals under this pilot program are for projects under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP). Under CAP, the Corps can plan, design, and implement certain types of water resources projects without additional project specific congressional authorization. The purpose of the CAP is to plan and implement projects of limited size, cost, scope, and complexity. While CAP projects typically require a cost-share with a non-Federal sponsor, this pilot program will fully fund the selected projects.

How to Apply: You may submit proposals in writing using any of these methods:

- Mail: HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Ms. Amy Babey, at 441 G Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20314.
- E-mail: wrda20cap165a@usace.army.mil. Please include Section 165 Project Proposal in the subject line of the message.

Due to security requirements, we cannot receive proposals by hand delivery or courier.

Applicable CAP Authorities and Descriptions:

AUTHORITY	PROJECT PURPOSE
Section 14 , Flood Control Act of 1946, as amended	Emergency stream bank and shoreline protection for public facilities, such as roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, lighthouses, and water & sewage treatment plants, that are in imminent danger of failing.
Section 103 , River and Harbor Act of 1962, as amended (amends Public Law 79-727)	Protection of public and private properties and facilities against damages caused by storm driven waves and currents by the construction of revetments, groins, and jetties, and may also include periodic sand replenishment.
Section 107 , River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended	Improvements to navigation including dredging of channels and widening of turning basins.
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For project proposals we are looking for the best information you have readily available.

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6. Include a map of the project area, if available.
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Additional Material Required for Specific Continuing Authorities Sections:

REQUIRED APPLICANT INFORMATION	CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM SECTION								
	Section 14	Section 103	Section 107	Section 111	Section 204	Section 205	Section 206	Section 208	Section 1135
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Population at risk	X	X				X		X	
Assurance of local capability to establish public use and access to beaches and shores		X							
Description of degraded habitat targeted for restoration							X		X
Casuses of degradation habitat targeted for restoration			+				X		X
List of regionally or nationally significant habitat or natural resources in the project area					X		X		X
Description of structure or facility affected by erosion and proposed for protection - including structure/facility ownership	X			X					
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Description of rate and consequences or erosion	X								
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Description of eexisting facilities and vessel traffic			X						
Description of the navigation problem the project would address			X						

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Dated: June 13, 2023.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Request for Project Proposals Pursuant to Section 165 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020, Pilot Program for Continuing Authority Projects in Small or Disadvantaged Communities

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; request for pilot project proposals.

SUMMARY: Section 165 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 directs the Secretary of the Army to implement a pilot program for carrying out projects under a continuing authority program for economically disadvantaged communities at 100% Federal cost. The Department of the Army is requesting pilot project proposals. The Secretary is authorized to select up to 20 pilot projects.

DATES: Proposals are to be submitted no later than August 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit proposals in writing using any of these methods:

- *Mail:* HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Ms. Amy Babey, at 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314.

- *Email:* wrda20cap165a@usace.army.mil. Please include Section 165 Project Proposal in the subject line of the message.

Due to security requirements, we cannot receive proposals by hand delivery or courier.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Babey at wrda20cap165a@usace.army.mil or by phone at 502-645-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 165 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 requires the Secretary to implement a pilot program for carrying out up to 20 projects under a continuing authority program for economically disadvantaged communities at 100 percent Federal cost. Additional information on the section 165 pilot program can be found

in the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)) policy guidance issued on 12 June 2023. A copy of the guidance can be obtained at https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda_2020/.

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The term “continuing authority program” (CAP) means any of the following:

1. Section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946 (33 U.S.C. 701r).
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4. Section 111 of the River and Harbor Act of 1968 (33 U.S.C. 426i).
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6. Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (33 U.S.C. 701s).
7. Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (33 U.S.C. 2330).
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9. Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2309a).

Notwithstanding the cost share authorized for the applicable CAP section, pursuant to section 165(a), the Federal share of the cost of a project selected under this authority shall be 100 percent. Therefore, the maximum total Federal cost of a project implemented under Section 165(a) will be the sum of the applicable statutory per project Federal participation limit (see table below) plus the amount that the non-Federal interest would pay as its cost share.

Authority	Statutory per project federal participation limit
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4. Hold and save the United States free from all damages arising from the project that are not due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors.
5. For a project for navigation, provide all required local service facilities.
6. Pay all costs of planning, design, and construction that exceed the sum of the statutory per project Federal participation limit for the applicable CAP section plus the amount that the non-Federal interest would normally provide as its cost share.

Project Proposals

All information provided in a proposal is public information. Therefore, information that is confidential business information, information that should not be disclosed because of statutory restrictions, or other information that a non-Federal interest would not want to appear publicly should not be included in the submittal. Proposals to convert an active CAP or specifically authorized study or project to a Section 165 pilot program study or project will not be considered. The authority to initiate a project under the pilot program terminates on December 27, 2030.

Entities submitting proposals for a project must include the following information:

1. Name, location, and description of the proposed project.
2. Description of the Economically Disadvantaged Community. The proposal must include a map and a narrative description of the economically disadvantaged community that will be benefited by the proposed project. The narrative description must include sufficient information to validate the community’s classification as economically disadvantaged. The narrative must also describe the type

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8. For a project for ecosystem restoration, the proposal must describe the degraded habitat targeted for restoration and the causes of the degradation. Regionally and nationally significant habitat or natural resources should be identified.

9. For a project under section 14, the proposal must describe the ownership and function of the facility to be

protected and the nature of the damage caused by flooding adjacent to the facility.

10. For a project under section 111, the proposal must describe the shoreline damage and identify the Federal navigation project responsible for the damage.

11. For a project for commercial navigation under Section 107, the proposal must describe existing facilities, vessel traffic, and the navigation problem the proposed project will address.

Michael L. Connor,

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Inland Waterways Users Board Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the Federal advisory committee meeting of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board (Board). This meeting is open to the public. For additional information about the Board, please visit the committee's website at <https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Inland-Waterways-Users-Board/>.

DATES: The Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board will conduct a meeting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT on July 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The Inland Waterways Users Board meeting will be conducted at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention and Expo Center, 415 Park Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, 270-408-1346. The online virtual portion of the Inland Waterways Users Board meeting can be accessed at <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/ndc.nav>, Public Call-in: USA Toll-Free 844-800-2712, USA Caller Paid/International Toll: 1-669-234-1177 Access Code: 199 117 3596, Security Code 1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark R. Pointon, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-GN, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building,

Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703-428-6438; and by email at Mark.Pointon@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, contact Mr. Steven D. Riley, an Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-NDC, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703-659-3097; and by email at Steven.D.Riley@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is being held under the provisions of Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), section 552b of title 5, U.S.C. (commonly known as the "Government in the Sunshine Act"), and sections 102-3.140 and 102-3.150 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Purpose of the Meeting: The Board is chartered to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on construction and rehabilitation project investments on the commercial navigation features of the inland waterways system of the United States. At this meeting, the Board will receive briefings and presentations regarding the investments, projects, and status of the inland waterways system of the United States and conduct discussions and deliberations on those matters. The Board is interested in written and verbal comments from the public relevant to these purposes.

Agenda: At this meeting the agenda will include the status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF); Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget funding for Navigation; status of Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock and Bayou Sorrel Lock activities; updates of inland waterways projects for the Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP), McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Three Rivers, Arkansas, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks; status of the ongoing construction activities for the Upper Ohio River Montgomery Lock, Monongahela River Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4, Chickamauga Lock and Kentucky Lock projects.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting. A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the July 20, 2023, meeting will be available. The final version will be available at the

Sample Continuing Authorities Program Section 165(a) Study Request Letter

SPONSOR LETTERHEAD

[DISTRICT COMMANDER NAME]

District Commander

U.S. Army Engineer Corps of Engineers [SITE LOCATION CORPS DISTRICT] District

[CORPS DISTRICT STREET ADDRESS]

[CORPS DISTRICT CITY, STATE, ZIP]

Dear [DISTRICT COMMANDER]:

The [SPONSOR NAME] is requesting assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a study in accordance with Section 165(a) to address the [FLOODING PROBLEMS] [ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION] [BANK EROSION] [NAVIGATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS] [OTHER] in [GENERAL AREA DESCRIPTION], an economically disadvantaged community as defined by Section 160 of WRDA 2020.

[GENERAL PROBLEM DESCRIPTION IN ONE TO THREE PARAGRAPHS]

The [SPONSOR NAME] intends to serve as the sponsor for the project. We are aware that the project would be 100% Federally funded and that the total project cost is limited to the sum of the statutory per project Federal participation limit for the CAP Section identified for this project plus the amount the non-Federal interest would normally provide as its cost share.

The [SPONSOR NAME] understands and agrees to:

- Provide 100 percent of the costs for long-term operation and maintenance of the constructed project.
- Provide all required lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas (LERRDs) required for the project. (appropriate costs are reimbursable)
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We are committed to this project and are willing, able and would be financially prepared to participate in the feasibility study. We look forward to executing a cost-sharing agreement for the study at the appropriate time in the process. Thank you for your assistance with this much needed project. Please contact [SPONSOR'S POINT OF CONTACT] for further information or assistance.

SIGNATURE BLOCK

Director, City Manager, Mayor, etc., as appropriate

Pilot Program for Water Resources Projects for Small or Disadvantaged Communities

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is launching a pilot program to fully fund small water resources projects for economically disadvantaged communities. Project proposals are due by August 21, 2023. Details on how to apply and what information is needed in project proposals is described below. A more detailed description of the requirements for a project proposal can be found in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 Section 165 policy guidance issued on June 12, 2023. That guidance can be found at: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda_2020/

Background: Project proposals under this pilot program are for projects under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP). Under CAP, the Corps can plan, design, and implement certain types of water resources projects without additional project specific congressional authorization. The purpose of the CAP is to plan and implement projects of limited size, cost, scope, and complexity. While CAP projects typically require a cost-share with a non-Federal sponsor, this pilot program will fully fund the selected projects.

How to Apply: You may submit proposals in writing using any of these methods:

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Due to security requirements, we cannot receive proposals by hand delivery or courier.

Applicable CAP Authorities and Descriptions:

AUTHORITY	PROJECT PURPOSE
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Description of structure or facility affected by erosion and proposed for protection - including structure/facility ownership	X			X					
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

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AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; request for pilot project proposals.

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6. For a project for flood risk management or coastal storm risk management (CSRSM) purposes, the proposal must include a description of the history of flooding and the population at risk in the economically disadvantaged community. The narrative should include the dates of flood events and describe the property damages and life loss attributable to each event. It should also include a qualitative description or range of how deep the water was and how fast it was flowing. The description should identify any characteristics of the population that have a bearing on risk, such as the total number of people subject to flooding or a coastal storm, low per capita income, or unemployment rate above the national average.

7. A proposal for a project for CSRSM purposes must include assurance of local willingness and capability to establish conditions of public use and access to beaches and shores. The proposal must identify whether the proposed project may result in a CSRSM project that benefits beaches or shores the majority of which are private. In such cases, the applicant must provide assurance in the proposal that it is capable and willing to establish sufficient conditions of public use and access as a condition of Federal financial participation in a project.

8. For a project for ecosystem restoration, the proposal must describe the degraded habitat targeted for restoration and the causes of the degradation. Regionally and nationally significant habitat or natural resources should be identified.

9. For a project under section 14, the proposal must describe the ownership and function of the facility to be

protected and the nature of the damage caused by flooding adjacent to the facility.

10. For a project under section 111, the proposal must describe the shoreline damage and identify the Federal navigation project responsible for the damage.

11. For a project for commercial navigation under Section 107, the proposal must describe existing facilities, vessel traffic, and the navigation problem the proposed project will address.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Inland Waterways Users Board Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the Federal advisory committee meeting of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board (Board). This meeting is open to the public. For additional information about the Board, please visit the committee's website at <https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Inland-Waterways-Users-Board/>.

DATES: The Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board will conduct a meeting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT on July 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The Inland Waterways Users Board meeting will be conducted at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention and Expo Center, 415 Park Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, 270-408-1346. The online virtual portion of the Inland Waterways Users Board meeting can be accessed at <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/ndc.nav>, Public Call-in: USA Toll-Free 844-800-2712, USA Caller Paid/International Toll: 1-669-234-1177 Access Code: 199 117 3596, Security Code 1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark R. Pointon, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-GN, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building,

Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703-428-6438; and by email at Mark.Pointon@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, contact Mr. Steven D. Riley, an Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-NDC, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703-659-3097; and by email at Steven.D.Riley@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is being held under the provisions of Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), section 552b of title 5, U.S.C. (commonly known as the "Government in the Sunshine Act"), and sections 102-3.140 and 102-3.150 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Purpose of the Meeting: The Board is chartered to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on construction and rehabilitation project investments on the commercial navigation features of the inland waterways system of the United States. At this meeting, the Board will receive briefings and presentations regarding the investments, projects, and status of the inland waterways system of the United States and conduct discussions and deliberations on those matters. The Board is interested in written and verbal comments from the public relevant to these purposes.

Agenda: At this meeting the agenda will include the status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF); Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget funding for Navigation; status of Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock and Bayou Sorrel Lock activities; updates of inland waterways projects for the Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP), McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Three Rivers, Arkansas, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks; status of the ongoing construction activities for the Upper Ohio River Montgomery Lock, Monongahela River Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4, Chickamauga Lock and Kentucky Lock projects.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting. A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the July 20, 2023, meeting will be available. The final version will be available at the

Sample Continuing Authorities Program Section 165(a) Study Request Letter

SPONSOR LETTERHEAD

[DISTRICT COMMANDER NAME]

District Commander

U.S. Army Engineer Corps of Engineers [SITE LOCATION CORPS DISTRICT] District

[CORPS DISTRICT STREET ADDRESS]

[CORPS DISTRICT CITY, STATE, ZIP]

Dear [DISTRICT COMMANDER]:

The [SPONSOR NAME] is requesting assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a study in accordance with Section 165(a) to address the [FLOODING PROBLEMS] [ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION] [BANK EROSION] [NAVIGATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS] [OTHER] in [GENERAL AREA DESCRIPTION], an economically disadvantaged community as defined by Section 160 of WRDA 2020.

[GENERAL PROBLEM DESCRIPTION IN ONE TO THREE PARAGRAPHS]

The [SPONSOR NAME] intends to serve as the sponsor for the project. We are aware that the project would be 100% Federally funded and that the total project cost is limited to the sum of the statutory per project Federal participation limit for the CAP Section identified for this project plus the amount the non-Federal interest would normally provide as its cost share.

The [SPONSOR NAME] understands and agrees to:

- Provide 100 percent of the costs for long-term operation and maintenance of the constructed project.
- Provide all required lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas (LERRDs) required for the project. (appropriate costs are reimbursable)
- Perform and pay for all costs associated with any required hazardous, toxic, and radioactive wastes (HTRW) cleanup and response in, on, or under any real property interest required for the project.
- Hold and save the United States free from all damages arising from the project that are not due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors.

We are committed to this project and are willing, able and would be financially prepared to participate in the feasibility study. We look forward to executing a cost-sharing agreement for the study at the appropriate time in the process. Thank you for your assistance with this much needed project. Please contact [SPONSOR'S POINT OF CONTACT] for further information or assistance.

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Director, City Manager, Mayor, etc., as appropriate