

Logan Northern Canal Reconstruction Project

Environmental Impact Statement

August 2010

History

Since the 1890's the Logan Northern Canal (LNC) has provided the citizens of Cache County with irrigation water. In the spring of 2009, a slope failure along a hillside in south Logan damaged a section of the canal and disabled the water distribution capabilities of the canal. Because the canal is part of an important water delivery system, several shareholders have been affected through non-delivery of irrigation water.

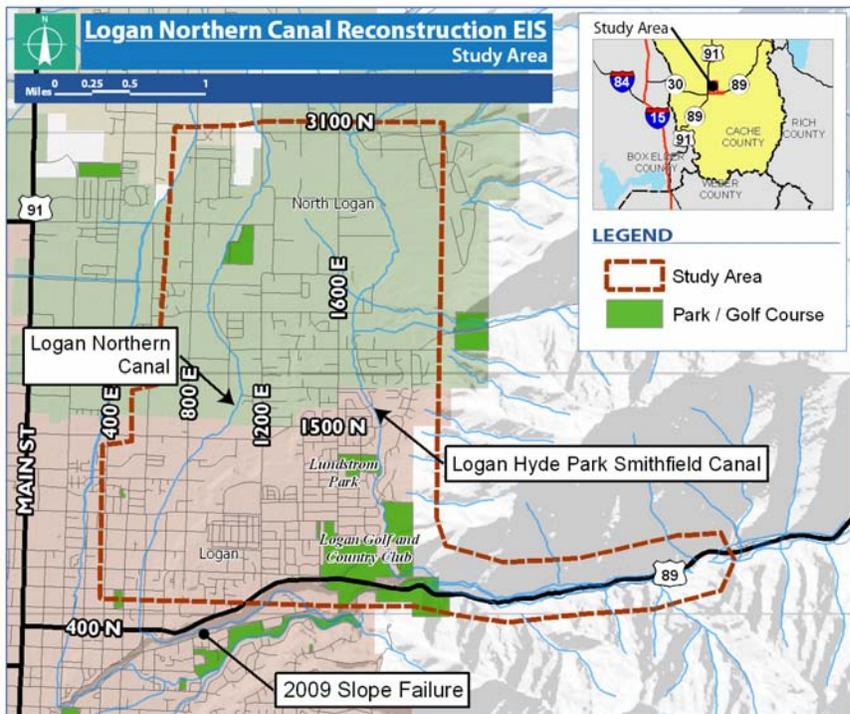
In Spring 2010 NRCS completed a preliminary engineering study to assess the situation and identify potential solutions.

On February 19, 2010, USDA announced that \$19.35 million in Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funds were available to help protect property along the LNC from any future event of a similar magnitude. NRCS is using this opportunity to move forward to identify the best solution.

Overview and Study Area Map

As required by federal law, NRCS is working to identify resource concerns and the potential impacts of options. The impacts and options are being evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

At this time, NRCS has not identified a final solution. NRCS Utah is pursuing and compiling all NEPA documentation that will help it identify and fully evaluate alternatives to restore water delivery to stakeholders. Once the NEPA process is completed (including public comment), a "Preferred Alternative" will be identified for final design and construction.

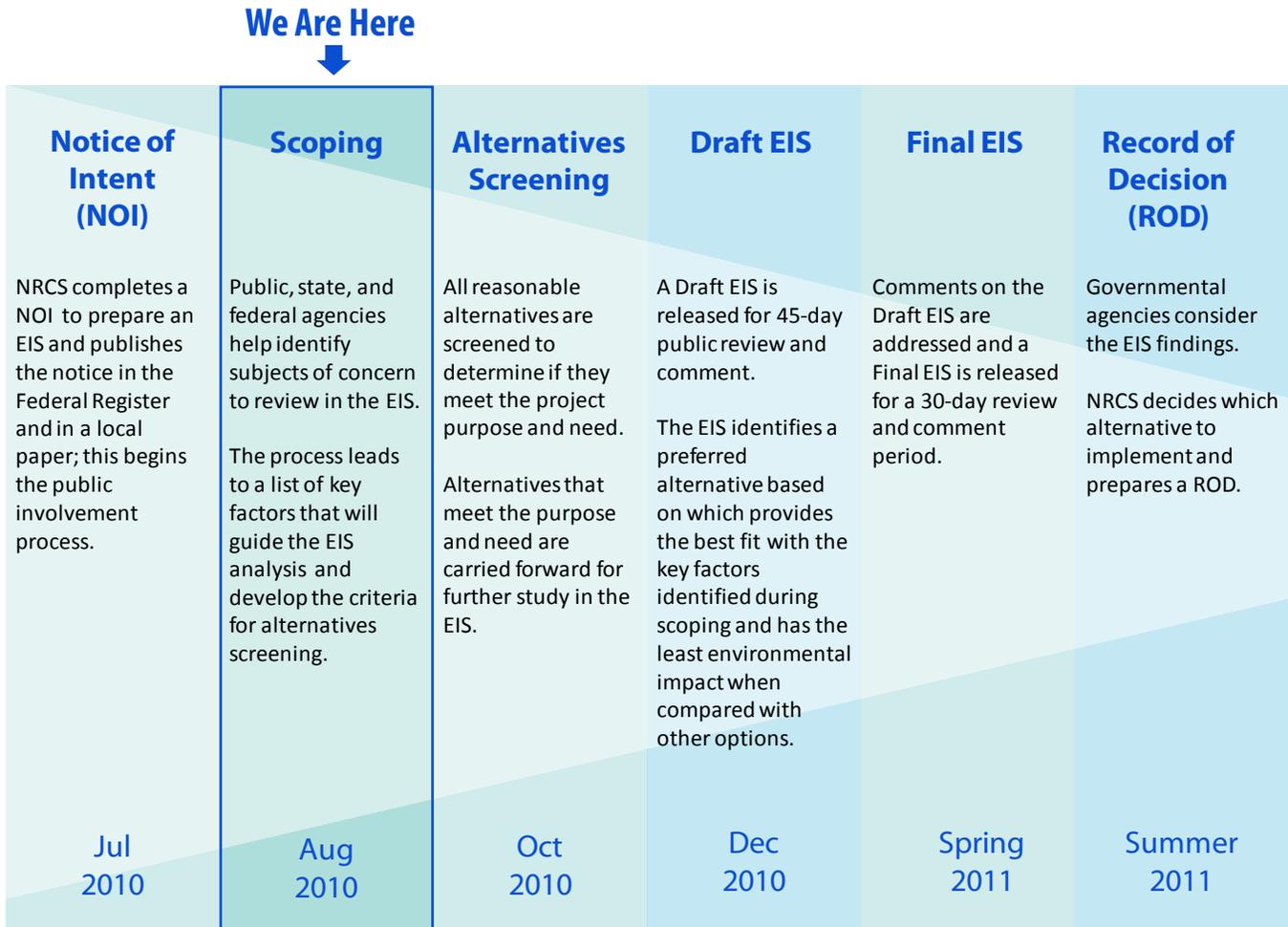


Process and Schedule

The focus of the NEPA process is to solicit public comments and to evaluate environmental impacts of potential solutions (including

a “No-Action” option). NRCS is preparing an EIS in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and NRCS regulations.

The graphic below presents the major steps the NRCS NEPA process will follow.



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The Emergency Watershed Protection Program

The purpose of the EWP program is to undertake emergency measures to safeguard lives and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion on any watershed whenever fire, flood, or any other natural occurrence is causing or has caused a sudden impairment of the watershed.

EWP Policy and Procedures Website

http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EWP/policy_and_procedures.html

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