

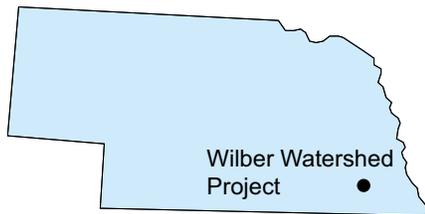
Watershed Operations

May 2013

Wilber Watershed Project, Nebraska

Introduction

This project will provide flood protection to the city of Wilber, Neb. Flooding of homes, businesses, transportation and recreation facility areas will be reduced.



Wilber floodwater retarding structure is located in Saline County, Nebraska.

Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, this project is part of the Obama Administration's plan to modernize the nation's infrastructure, jump-start the economy, and create jobs. NRCS is using Recovery Act dollars to update aging flood control structures, protect and maintain water supplies, improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, enhance fish and wildlife habitat and restore wetlands. NRCS acquires easements and restores floodplains to safeguard lives and property in areas along streams and rivers that have experienced flooding.

Project Description

- **Location:** Saline County, Congressional District 3
- **Federal Funding:** \$271,700
- **Sponsors Funding:** \$75,600

Partners

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District

Benefits

This project will reduce urban and rural flooding, reduce sedimentation, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, enhance water quality, improve economic conditions and provide incidental recreation opportunities.

Economic Opportunities

Construction began in 2013. During construction, this project will help create or save jobs in the local area. Economic gains may be felt by subcontractors for gravel, concrete, and fuel purchases during construction plus motels and restaurants used by workers.



A floodwater retarding structure like the one above will be constructed to protect the town of Wilber, Neb., from flooding damages .

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Statewide Perspective

This area of Nebraska has rolling topography where soil erosion is a threat to water quality. This structure will slow flood water and greatly reduce the amount of sediment that is washed in to the Lower Big Blue River, in turn, improving water quality for fish and wildlife.

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