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1.0 Introduction

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with the project sponsors (Washington County, City of Hurricane, City of St. George, Washington City, Washington County Water Conservancy District, and The Nature Conservancy), is proposing improvements within the Warner Draw Watershed located in Washington County, Utah. Measures are being proposed to prevent flood damages and conserve water and land resources.

The project is partially funded through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law [PL] 83-566), which authorize funding to help urban and rural communities protect, improve, and develop land resources in watersheds of up to 250,000 acres. NRCS, as the lead federal agency, has initiated NEPA analysis in the form of a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to analyze impacts to the environment from project actions. The Plan-EA will comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ's) regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 which require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal project and actions. The Plan-EA will be comprised of the elements listed below.

- Alternatives analysis of potential options to meet the general purposes of PL 83-566, and the defined purpose and need of the project.
- Detailed analysis of resources that may be affected for each of the alternatives analyzed in detailed study that may satisfy the purpose and need for the project.
- Identification of potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potential impacts.
- A plan of public participation and agency consultation and coordination throughout development of the Plan-EA.

The participation of the public/agencies/organizations is a vital component of the NEPA and development of project alternatives so that those who are interested in or potentially affected by proposed project alternatives have an opportunity to share their concerns and provide input regarding the Plan-EA during the initial stages of the planning process. Scoping is the first phase of the public involvement process and this report documents the scoping process conducted for this project.

1.1 Purpose and Need

The general purposes of NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Action (PL 83-566) include:

- Preventing damage from erosion, floodwater, and sediment.
- Furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water.
- Furthering the conservation and proper utilization of land.

The project specific purpose and need will be developed as the planning advances. Project sponsors and public/agencies/organizations have expressed a general need for improvements to prevent flood damages and conserve water and land resources within the Warner Draw Watershed. There have been seven areas identified for improvements to meet this general need.

1.2 Scoping Goals and Objectives

Scoping is used to identify the public, stakeholder, and government agency resource concerns for the project and potential obstacles/controversy/opposition, and to begin to identify proposed alternatives based on the input received. It is important to involve a diverse group of public/agency/organization participants. During the scoping process and throughout the development of the Plan-EA ongoing communication will be maintained with stakeholders, agencies, organizations, tribes, and the public. Education about the environmental review process and each party's role will be provided to all participating parties. Public participation activities will be evaluated for effectiveness on a continual basis and utilize the most effective techniques throughout the NEPA process. Scoping activities involving outreach and meetings, and the results of scoping are documented to ensure NEPA, CEQ, and NRCS scoping requirements have been met.

2.0 Scoping Process Summary

This section summarizes the scoping activities performed and outreach conducted for the proposed project.

2.1 Scoping Announcement and Open Comment Period Schedule

The following dates outline the milestones for the scoping announcement and activities that occurred in preparation for the scoping comment period. The scoping comment period **opened on May 15, 2018 and closed on June 14, 2018**.

- March 22, 2018: Kickoff meeting with sponsors to discuss county/city needs for flood prevention and conserving water and land resources, and to setup scoping meeting schedule.
- May 11, 2018: Scoping letters sent to tribes.
- May 14, 2018: Scoping notice mailings sent to agencies/organizations/public.
- **May 15, 2018 (Open Comment Period):** Scoping notice and public meeting details posted to NRCS project websites, flyers posted, notice published in The Spectrum Daily News.
- May 22, 2018: Notice published in The Spectrum Daily News
- May 29, 2018: Scoping meeting held at the Washington County building in St. George, Utah, agency meeting held with BLM at the BLM office in St. George.
- May 30, 2018: Scoping meeting held at Hurricane City Hall in Hurricane, Utah
- **June 14, 2018 (Close Comment Period)**

2.2 Notice

Materials were developed to announce the public scoping meeting and consisted of a scoping notice, flyer, and newspaper notices. These materials identified proposed project sites, announced the open comment period, listed the scoping meeting details, and requested public participation and input. Contact information for submittal of comments was provided in all of the postings along with the open and closure date for the comment period. The materials were distributed and posted as listed below. Copies of the scoping notice, flyer, and newspaper notices are included in Appendix A.

- A scoping notice was prepared and mailed to 78 agencies/organizations/public on May 14, 2018.
- Scoping notices were mailed on May 14, 2018 to the Washington Branch, Hurricane Branch and St. George Branch Libraries; St. George, Washington, and Hurricane City Halls; Washington County Office; and the BLM St. George field office for posting.
- Flyers were posted at 19 locations adjoining the potential project sites on May 15, 2018. The flyers were placed in high traffic areas to maximize visual exposure to public passing by. Specific locations for flyer postings can be seen in the flyer posting map included in Attachment A.

- The scoping notice, project status, and scoping meeting information was posted on the NRCS project website on May 15, 2018 for the duration of the scoping comment period. The website is located at:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/?cid=nrcseprd1401212>
- A notice ran in The Spectrum Daily News on May 15th and May 22nd, 2018.

Detailed scoping letters were also mailed to tribes on May 11, 2018. Copies of the tribe scoping letters have been included in Attachment A.

In addition to the notice materials above the sponsors also provided additional measures to help announce the scoping meeting details. The City of Hurricane placed notices in their city utility bills with the meeting information and Washington County announced the meeting details on their county website. Washington City and Ivins City announced the meeting information in their monthly community newsletters. The website announcements and community newsletters are provided in Appendix A.

2.3 Meetings

Multiple meetings were held to gather input for project resource concerns and potential obstacles/controversy/opposition, and to help identify proposed alternatives based on the input received. Prior to the scoping open comment period a meeting was held with the sponsors to identify potential areas of concern for flood damage, and potential areas in need of water and/or land resources conservation measures. The meeting also presented the Plan-EA process to the sponsors and allowed for scoping meeting coordination.

Two scoping meetings, and two agency meetings were held during the scoping comment period. The scoping meetings were held at two separate locations to allow more options for public attendance based on proximity to the meeting location. The scoping meeting materials, consisting of a presentation, poster boards and an attendee sign in sheet, can be found in Appendix B. One agency meeting was held with BLM to gather input for project resource concerns and potential project issues, since proposed project sites are located on BLM managed lands. Another agency meeting was held with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and the Virgin River Program to discuss water/land resource conservation measures with one of the potential project sites. A summary of the sponsor, scoping, and agency meeting times and locations are listed below.

- Sponsor Meeting: March 22, 2018, 9:00 am, Washington County Building, 197 E Tabernacle, St. George, Utah;
- UDWR and Virgin River Program Meeting: May 25, 2018, 9:00 am, 20 N Main St, St. George, Utah;
- BLM Meeting: May 29, 2018, 2:30 pm, BLM Office, 345 E Riverside Dr., St. George, Utah;
- Public Scoping Meeting: March 29, 2018, 6:00-8:00 pm, Washington County Building, 197 E Tabernacle, St. George, Utah; and
- Public Scoping Meeting: March 30, 2018, 6:00-8:00 pm, Hurricane City Hall, 147 North 870 West, Hurricane, Utah.

Participants of the scoping meetings were invited to submit comments in writing either at the meeting or subsequently by mail, fax, phone, or e-mail during the scoping comment period. Attendance at the meeting was counted using a sign-in sheet that is located in Appendix B. Comment cards were handed out at the meeting which also provided a blank space to submit written comments.

2.4 Mailing List

A public and agency/organization mailing list was prepared by NRCS, the sponsors, Bowen Collins and Associates, and McMillen Jacobs to inform them about the scoping process and scoping meetings for the project. A total of 78 mailings were sent to the public and agency/organizations.

A tribal mailing list was prepared by NRCS and formal scoping letters sent out to 11 tribal members at 6 different tribes. The tribal scoping letters are included in Appendix A.

3.0 Comments

3.1 Public Meeting

Two public scoping meetings were conducted on May 29th and 30th, 2018. There were nine (9) public/agency/organization attendees and twelve (12) project team members in attendance at the meeting held on May 29, 2018. There were three (3) public/agency/organization attendees and eight (8) project team members in attendance at the meeting held on May 30, 2018. Meeting sign-in sheets are provided in Appendix B.

Table 3-1 below identifies project team members that were in attendance for the scoping meetings.

Table 3-1. Project Team Members

Name	Organization	Title
Ron Whitehead	Washington County	Public Works Director
Todd Edwards	Washington County	County Engineer
Arthur LeBaron	City of Hurricane	City Engineer
Jay Sandberg	City of St. George	City Engineer
Lester Dalton	Washington City	Public Works Project Manager
Norm Evenstad	NRCS	Water Resources Coordinator
Lance Smith	NRCS	Project Engineer
Derek Hamilton	NRCS	Project Biologist
Todd Olsen	Bowen Collins and Associates	Engineering Lead
Jamie Tsandes	Bowen Collins and Associates	Environmental Lead
Craig Bagley	Bowen Collins and Associates	Principal-in-Charge
Greg Allington	McMillen Jacobs	NEPA Lead
Bobbi Preite	McMillen Jacobs	NEPA Specialist

3.2 Comments Received

Comments could be submitted in person at the meeting or via mail, e-mail, telephone, facsimile, or comment card. There were three written public scoping comments received for the project and one tribe comment (Appendix C).

3.2.1 Comment Categories

Methodology for categorizing and addressing public and agency comments is to separate each of the comments into comment categories in order to identify the nature of each comment. The following lists the categories and associated comments received.

- Flood Protection
 - Priority for Main Street Debris Basins site due to repeated flooding in lower income area.
 - Floodwater detention for Gould Wash is needed to reduce property damage and potential loss of life.
- Water Conservation
 - Pressurized irrigation for Hurricane will help solve problems resulting from land use changes from farmland to residential. Existing water application practices may work well for farming, but are not effective for application to residential lawn and gardens.
- Project Funding
 - Desire to find outside funding sources for Hurricane pressurized irrigation to maximize participation from existing irrigators.
- Cultural Resources
 - The Hopi Tribe requests a copy of the cultural resources report and Plan-EA be provided for their review and comment when it becomes available, and continued consultation throughout the planning process.

4.0 Resource Concerns and Cooperating Agencies

4.1 Resource Concerns

A list of resource concerns was compiled for the project based on required scoping concerns outlined in the National Watershed Program Manual Section 501.24 B, and from any additional concerns identified by the public, sponsoring local organization, or agencies/organizations during the scoping meeting or scoping period. Table 4-1 below lists a comprehensive list of the resource concerns compiled for the project. An analysis of resource concerns specific to the project will be completed during the development of the Draft Plan-EAs and non-relevant resource concerns will be eliminated.

Table 4-1. Resources

Item/Concern	Item/Concern
Soils	Human Environment
Upland Erosion and Sedimentation	Socioeconomics
Prime and Unique Farmland	Historic Properties/Cultural Resources
Water	Hazardous Materials
Surface Water Quality	Environmental Justice and Civil Rights
Ground Water Quantity	Public Health and Safety
Clean Water Act - Waters of the U.S.	Recreation
Regional Water Mgt. Plans and Coastal Zone Management Areas	Land Use
Floodplain Management	Visual Resources
Wetlands	Scenic Beauty
Wild and Scenic Rivers	Parklands
Sole Source Aquifers	Transportation Infrastructure
Air	Noise
Air Quality	Ecologically Critical Areas
Clean Air Act	National Parks, Monuments and Historical Sites
Plants	Scientific Resources
Special Status Species (Federal and State listed)	Animals
Forest Resources	Essential Fish Habitat
Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant Species	Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
Natural Areas	Coral Reefs
Riparian Areas	Special Status Species (Federal and State listed)
	Invasive Species
	Migratory Birds/Bald and Golden Eagles

4.2 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating agency letters were sent to the agencies listed below.

Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

U.S Fish and Wildlife Service

At the issuance of this report the only agency that has formally accepted cooperating agency status is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Land Management has expressed interest in becoming a cooperating agency, but an official acceptance letter has not yet been received from the agency.

Appendix A

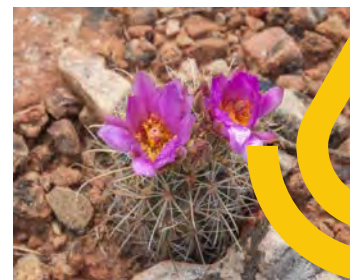
Scoping Notices

Scoping Notice
Scoping Flyer
Newspaper Notices
Website Announcements
Community Newsletters
Tribal Letters

Scoping Notice

Warner Draw Watershed Project Washington Co. Utah

Scoping Notice



Project Information

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance from Washington County as the project sponsor, is considering improvements within the Warner Draw Watershed. Improvements are proposed at seven sites in Washington County, Utah (1 Black Knolls Reservoir, 2 Main Street Debris Basins, 3 Washington Dam Vegetation Measures, 4 Y-Drain, 5 Hurricane Canal Water Efficiency, 6 Goulds Wash, and 7 Warner Valley Disposal System) as depicted in the Project Area Overview map. Improvements are being proposed to:

- 1). Prevent flood damages;
- 2). Further the conservation, development, utilizations and disposal of water; and
- 3) Further the conservation and proper utilization of land.

An evaluation of potential project alternatives and associated environmental impacts is required and will be documented in the form a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA). NRCS and Washington County will hold a public meeting to provide information about the proposed project and to collect comments.

At this time, NRCS is requesting comments on the project to identify issues and resource sensitivities. Written comments are can be submitted during the open comment period starting May 15, 2018 and ending on June 14, 2018. **Comments must be received by June 14, 2018.**

Additional information can be found at the NRCS project website:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/>

Public Scoping Meeting

The public is invited to attend, discuss, and submit a comment during one of the public scoping meetings:

**May 29, 2018 - Tuesday
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

*Washington County Building
197 East Tabernacle
St. George, UT 84770*

**May 30, 2018 - Wednesday
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

*Hurricane City Hall
147 North 870 West
Hurricane, UT 84737*

How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to Jamie Tsandes:

Bowen Collins & Associates

Address: 154 E. 14075 South,
Draper, UT 84020

Phone: (801) 495-2224

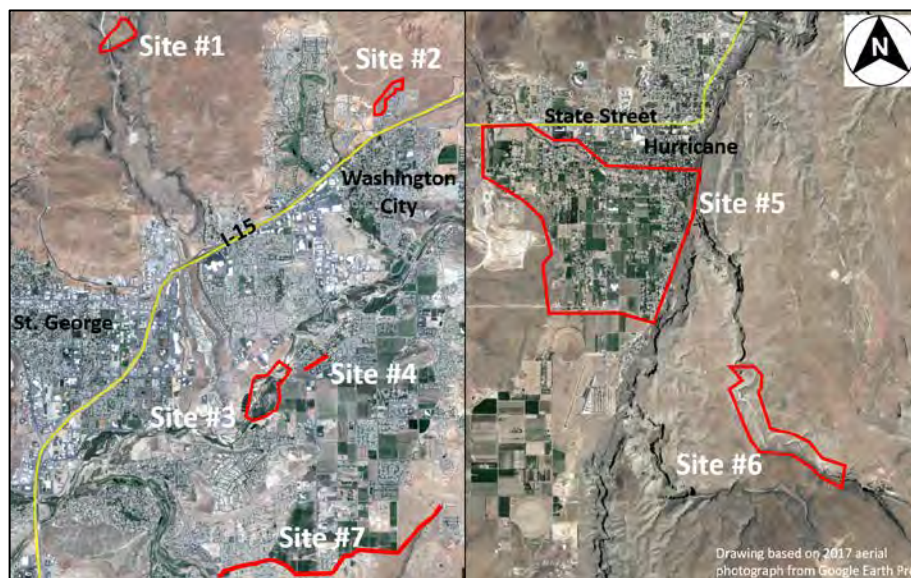
Fax: (801) 495-2225

Email:

warnerwatershed@bowencollins.com

Comments may be mailed or emailed to the above address or submitted during the public scoping meeting. Comments must be received by June 14, 2018.

Project Area Overview



Utah State Office
**Natural
Resources
Conservation
Service**

nrcs.usda.gov/



Scoping Flyer

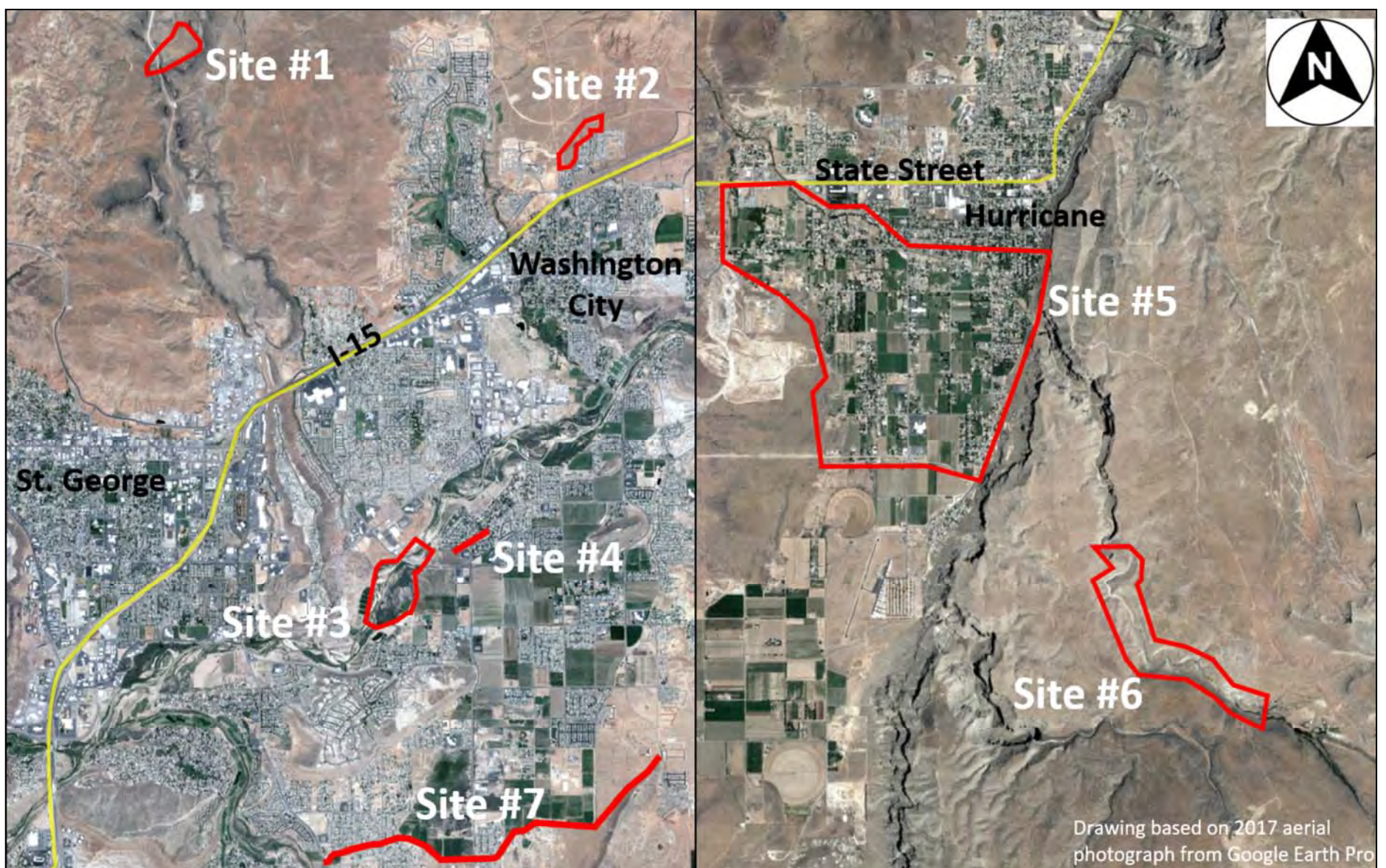
PUBLIC MEETING

You are invited to attend a public scoping meeting where information will be provided and comments collected for the proposed Warner Draw Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Project (Project). Two meeting times and locations will be provided:

When: May 29, 2018 - Tuesday
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Where: Washington County Building
197 East Tabernacle St.
St. George, UT 84770

When: May 30, 2018 - Wednesday
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Where: Hurricane City Hall
147 North 870 West
Hurricane, UT 84737

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More information is available on the Project website

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/>

or can be obtained by contacting project team members below.

Jamie Tsandes - Bowen Collins & Associates

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Flyer Posting Locations



Map based on 2017 Aerial from Google Earth Pro

Newspaper Notices

Dismantling nukes could take years

Size of North Korea's program makes effort costly, complex

Jim Michaels
 USA TODAY

If President Donald Trump persuades Kim Jong Un to dismantle North Korea's nuclear weapons program, the effort would be unprecedented in its size and complexity, analysts say.

"This would be the biggest undertaking by the international community when it comes to denuclearization or disarmament," said Olli Heinonen, an arms control expert at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a national security think tank.

If Trump and Kim reach an agreement, the process could take years and cost hundreds of millions of dollars, Heinonen said.

North Korean officials announced Saturday that in less than two weeks they will take the first steps to dismantle the country's nuclear test site.

The dismantling of the underground site will include collapsing its tunnels with explosives, blocking its entrances and removing all observation facilities, research buildings and security posts, according to media reports.

Journalists from the United States, Russia, South Korea, China and Britain will be invited to witness the process, North Korean state media said Saturday.



A man watches a TV screen in Seoul, South Korea, showing file footage of President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Trump and Kim are set to meet on June 12. AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

The move comes weeks before Trump meets June 12 with Kim in Singapore to discuss the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Both sides say they hope for a breakthrough.

The United States has said its objective is the complete dismantling of North Korea's nuclear program and the elimination of its weapons stockpile. It is not clear what, if anything, North Korea will agree to at the summit or what Kim means by denuclearization.

In developing a plan to denuclearize North Korea, disarmament experts would look to several successful

precedents. But none of them have involved a country with a program as advanced and large as North Korea's.

John Bolton, Trump's national security adviser, said the dismantling of Libya's nuclear program in 2003 might serve as a model.

"One thing that Libya did that led us to overcome our skepticism was that they allowed American and British observers into all their nuclear-related sites," Bolton said on CBS News recently. "It wasn't a question of relying on international mechanisms. We saw them in ways we had never seen before."

But Libya's program was not nearly as advanced as North Korea's, and the country had not stockpiled weapons. "It would have taken them about five years to produce enough material for one weapon," Heinonen said.

Most of the nuclear program was dismantled within months, and nuclear material was shipped out of the country.

In the 1990s, South Africa volunteered to dismantle its nuclear program. The country had already developed a small number of weapons but had stopped production by the time it agreed to dismantle the program.

The country invited international inspectors in to certify its work.

Most analysts have concluded that North Korea has about a dozen weapons and has ballistic missiles capable of reaching cities in the United States. Its nuclear facilities are scattered around the country, and many of them are well-protected.

Key figure in My Lai Massacre dies at 81

Army captain expressed regret over actions in Vietnam, acquitted

Ivan Moreno
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE – Former Army Capt. Ernest L. Medina, a key figure in the My Lai Massacre during the Vietnam War, has died in Wisconsin. He was 81.

Medina was an Army captain on March 16, 1968, when American troops under his command killed hundreds of unarmed Vietnamese civilians. He was acquitted in a court-martial over the massacre.

Medina died May 8, according to an obituary written by his family. No cause of death was given. He was being buried Monday.

Medina was captain of Charlie Company, whose mission was to attack a crack Viet Cong unit. The intelligence soldiers received was inaccurate, and they encountered no resistance in the village of My Lai and a neighboring community. Charlie Company killed 504 villagers in just three to four hours, most of them women, children and elderly men.

It wasn't until more than a year later that news of the massacre became public.

Medina was accused of responsibility in the deaths of at least 182 civilians. Medina, whose platoon took up a position in reserve outside the village, said during his trial that he was not with the soldiers when the massacre happened and that he didn't know about it until it was over. Medina acknowledged killing one woman but said he believed she was about to attack him.

Lt. William L. Calley Jr., who led the first platoon into My Lai, was the only one convicted of the 25 men originally charged in the massacre.

In a 1988 interview with the Associated Press, Medina looked back on My Lai as a "horrendous thing" that never should have happened.

"I have regrets for it, but I have no guilt over it because I didn't cause it," he said. "That's not what the military, particularly the United States Army, is trained for. But then again, maybe the war should have never happened. I think if everybody were to look at it in hindsight, I'm sure a lot of the politicians and generals would think of it otherwise. Maybe it was a war that we should have probably never gotten involved in as deeply as we did without the will to win it."

Medina earned a Silver Star for bravery for actions he took saving the lives of fellow soldiers during a battle shortly before My Lai. Although Medina was acquitted of murder and manslaughter for the My Lai killings, his 16½-year Army career was ruined, and he resigned his commission. He moved with his wife and three children to Marinette, Wisconsin, in 1971. He worked as a sales-

man for a helicopter manufacturer for a while and later went into real estate.

Medina was born in Springer, New Mexico, to Simon and Pauline Medina. Medina's mother died shortly after his birth, and his grandparents raised him in Montrose, Colorado, according to his family's obituary.

In 1956, he enlisted in the Army after briefly considering joining the seminary. Then, while stationed in Heilbronn, Germany, he met the woman he would eventually marry, Baerbel Dechandt.

Picasso painting 'Le Marin' worth \$70 Million damaged before auction

Mary Bowerman
 USA TODAY NETWORK

A Pablo Picasso painting expected to fetch \$70 million at auction was "accidentally" damaged Friday, according to a statement from auction house Christie's.

The painting, titled "Le Marin" or "The Sailor," was damaged "during the final states of preparation," ahead of the auction house's May 12-15 exhibition, when the work was set to be sold. The painting belongs to former casino mogul Steve Wynn and was pulled from the exhibition so conservators can restore the piece, ABC reported.

"Two outside conservators have now been consulted and have made recommendations for the successful restoration of the painting," Christie's said in the statement. "After consultation with the consignors today, the painting has been withdrawn from Christie's May 15 sale to allow the restoration process to begin."

This isn't Wynn's first run-in with damaged Picasso paintings. In 2006, Wynn accidentally poked his elbow through Picasso's 1932 painting "Le Reve" while showing it to a few of his guests. The painting was refurbished, and Wynn later sold it for \$155 million at auction.

Christie's said action was taken immediately to "remedy" the situation.

Last week, a 1905 Picasso painting called "Young Girl With a Flower Basket" sold for \$115 million at auction.



Christie's displays Pablo Picasso's "Le Marin" in Hong Kong in March. The painting has been pulled from auction after being damaged on Friday to begin restoration process. PHILIP FONG/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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You are invited to attend a public scoping meeting where project infor-mation will be presented and comments collected. Two scoping meetings will be held as indicated below.

Public Scoping Meeting

Date: May 29, 2018 - Tuesday

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Place: Washington County Building
197 East Tabernacle. St George, UT

Public Scoping Meeting

Date: May 30, 2018 - Wednesday

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Place: Hurricane City Hall
147 North 870 West, Hurricane, UT

Comments may be submitted during the open scoping comment period **starting May 15, 2018 and ending on June 14, 2018** to:

Warner Draw Watershed Project
Mail: c/o Bowen Collins & Associates
 - Jamie Tsandes
 154 E. 14075 South
 Draper, UT 84020

Email: warnerwatershed@bowencollins.com

Fax: (801) 495-2225

Phone: (801) 495-2224

For additional information, to check on the status of the project, and download project related documents during the course of the NEPA process please visit:
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and Julie Garcia
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SANTA FE, Texas – Texas leaders were starting off a difficult week Monday following the Santa Fe High School shooting that left 10 dead by staking out vastly different positions on the future of gun control in the state and the nation.

During a series of interviews over the weekend, Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo were at odds over a solution, with Patrick warning against a legislative overreaction against law-abiding gun owners and Acevedo complaining that thoughts and prayers were not enough.

Patrick gave a long list of reasons for Friday’s shooting, including violent video games, the elimination of religion from public schools, abortion, the breakdown of families, unarmed teachers and schools designed with too many entrances. But he stressed that guns were not to blame, explaining that they are “part of who we are as a nation.”

“We have 50 million abortions. We have families that are broken apart, no fathers at home,” Patrick said, according to CNN. “We have incredible heinous violence as a (video) game, two hours a day in front of their eyes. And we stand here and we wonder why this happens to certain students.”

Acevedo, a 32-year law enforcement officer who previously led the California Highway Patrol and the Austin Police Department, said it would be irresponsible to ignore the role of gun laws in school shootings that continue to plague the nation. In the Santa Fe shooting, he said there should be a way to punish the father of Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, the accused shooter who used his dad’s shotgun and .38 revolver to carry out the attack.

“We need to start using the ballot box and ballot initiatives to take the matters out of the hands of people that are doing nothing that are elected into the hands of the people to see that the will of the people in this country is actually carried out,” Acevedo told CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

With many in Texas taking such divergent stances, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tried to bridge the gap by starting a series of roundtable discussions in the state capital, Austin, and in communities around the state.

The first series will take place in Austin on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. According to a statement



Santa Fe High School students visit a makeshift memorial at the school Monday in Santa Fe, Texas. A 17-year-old gunman is accused of killing 10 and injuring 13 in a shooting Friday. COURTESY SACCOCORPUS CHRISTI CALLER TIMES

released Monday, the discussions will include a variety of participants, including students, parents, legislators, law enforcement, mental health experts, school administrators who participate in the state’s school marshal program, and “interest groups that advocate for and against further gun regulations.”

“I am seeking the best solutions to make our schools more secure and to keep our communities safe,” Abbott said in a statement. “I look forward to hearing from all sides of the debate and from expert perspectives on these issues.”

A group of teenagers urged him to do more, staging a “die-in” outside Abbott’s residence in Austin. Several of them lay down on the ground as if they were dead for 23 minutes – one minute for each school shooting in the U.S. this year, according to KXAN TV. As Texas leaders debate how to move forward, the Santa Fe community is looking back at the lives of those lost in the massacre.

On Monday, people throughout the region held a

moment of silence at 10 a.m. to honor the victims. Students at schools throughout Houston stood and bowed their heads. Nurses and doctors did the same at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, where many of the victims were treated following the shooting.

And several dozen people stood silent outside Santa Fe High School next to a row of crosses representing each of the victims. The first funeral for a victim took place Sunday when Sabika Sheikh, 17, a Pakistani exchange student, was honored at a service organized by the Islamic Society for Greater Houston. About 80 students also packed into Arcadia First Baptist Church for an annual baccalaureate service. Aaron Chenoweth had a different speech planned to deliver to his Santa Fe High School classmates, but then God stepped in.

“I did a lot of praying before I came, and I’ll be honest with you, all the things I thought about were not the things I said,” Chenoweth said. “It was all according to his plan; that’s what I felt tonight.”

Pastor: Mental illness drove NC man to ram car into his family

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BESSEMER CITY, N.C. – A North Carolina businessman suffering from severe mental illness left a meal with his family, got into his sport utility vehicle and then drove at high speed into the restaurant, killing his daughter and daughter-in-law and critically injuring other relatives, his pastor said Monday.

Roger Self had been treated for depression and anxiety that seemed to become more intense in the 2½ months preceding Sunday’s deadly crash, said the Rev. Austin Rammell of Venture Church in Dallas, North Carolina. The pastor, who is a close family friend, said Self opened up about his problems about 10 weeks ago, when he asked his son to take his guns away from him.

“His family and close friends have intensely labored to try and get Roger help. We all feel a level of guilt,” the pastor said at a news conference.

The pastor worried that his friend might hurt himself but didn’t imagine he would hurt his family. Still, he said Self’s judgment had become impaired.

“It’s very possible that in his mind, he was thinking the best thing for this family was that they all go to heaven together,” he said.

The crash sent stunned patrons scrambling Sunday afternoon at the Surf and Turf Lodge, about 30 miles west of Charlotte.

Self was immediately arrested. Shackled and wearing an orange jumpsuit at a hearing Monday, he showed little emotion as he asked for a court-appointed attorney and was ordered jailed without bond on two charges of first-degree murder.

Self’s daughter, Katelyn Self, a deputy with the Gaston County Sheriff’s Office, and his daughter-in-law, Amanda Self, an emergency room nurse, were killed as the car rammed through the outside wall. Amanda Self was married to Roger Self’s son, Gaston County Police Officer Josh Self.

Josh Self and Roger Self’s wife, Diane, were in critical but stable condition Monday, said Rammell, who has been in close contact with the family. A 13-year-old granddaughter to Self was treated and released from the hospital, police said.

At a news conference Monday, officials with the Bessemer Police Department declined to elaborate on

Self’s mental health. But police spokesman Rob Tufano said evidence gathered so far shows the crash was intentional.

“It is abundantly clear that this was not an accident, that this was something Mr. Self had intentionally done,” Tufano said.

Katelyn Self had arranged Sunday’s after-church lunch, inviting her fiancé and his parents as well, because she was hoping her father would feel better if he were surrounded by family, Rammell said. They had ordered drinks and appetizers and were talking and laughing after being seated at a table near the window.

The pastor said the family wasn’t initially concerned when he got up, figuring he might have been suffering from anxiety.

“They began noticing his car out in the parking lot had circled. And the next thing you know, he came through the window,” Rammell said.


The pastor said Self had seen a psychiatrist and family doctor but hadn’t been hospitalized. Rammell said Self told him he was taking medicine for depression and anxiety, but he was becoming particularly unstable over the weekend.

“It was a roller coaster, and in the last few days it went from bad to really bad,” he said.

Katelyn Self, 26, was a four-year veteran of the Gaston County Sheriff’s Office, the sheriff said in a news release. She had worked as a corporal in the jail and was off duty when she was fatally injured.

Authorities said the family was requesting privacy and referred any questions to Rammell.

Roger Self, a former law enforcement officer, ran a private investigations business called Southeastern Loss Management, mostly working for companies to investigate employees’ wrongdoing. Rammell said the business had been going through an unspecified “transition” that required the help of some friends, but he didn’t elaborate.





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NEPA Analysis

NRCS, as the lead federal agency, is initiating National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis in the form of a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to analyze impacts to the natural and human environment from this project. The Plan-EA will comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 which require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions.

Current Status

The project is currently in the Scoping Phase and the public, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide comments on the proposed project.

Scoping Public Comment Period

Open: Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Close: Thursday, June 14, 2018

Scoping Public Open House – St. George

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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197 East Tabernacle
St. George, Utah

Scoping Public Open House – City of Hurricane

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Hurricane City Hall
147 North 870 West
Hurricane, Utah

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MAY AGENDA ITEMS



The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the May Planning Commission and City Council meetings. This is not a complete list and the complete agendas will be posted on the website www.ivins.com 5 to 7 days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. Check the website the day before the scheduled meeting for the final agenda items to be discussed. If you have questions regarding any of the agenda items, please call or e-mail Mike Rodriguez at 435-634-9753 or mrodriguez@ivins.com for Planning Commission questions or Kari Jimenez for City Council questions: 435-628-0606 ext. 705 or kjimenez@ivins.com.

Planning Commission May 1, 2018

- Public hearing & discussion of a possible Zoning text amendment regarding (1) the maximum length of multi-family buildings when abutting commercial property, multi-family or mixed use property, or for buildings located on the interior of a multi-family project; and (2) zoning for Kayenta's remaining 16,000 sq. ft of approved storage.

Planning Commission May 15, 2018

- Continued public hearing, discussion & consider approval of the above Zoning text amendments.

City Council May 3, 2018

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a Land Use amendment from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) and to recommend a Zoning amendment from RE-20 with density bonus to RE-15 (single family residential, minimum lot size 15,000 sq.ft.).
- Public hearing, discussion & consider approval of a Zoning Map amendment from C-1 (Community Commercial) to CLM (Commercial with Light Manufacturing) for expansion of existing Rocky Mountain Power substation located at approximately 100 South 300 East (1.21 acres).
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Class V Conditional Use Permit for Rocky Mountain Power substation located at approximately 100 South 300 West (1.21 acres).
- Discuss and consider of approval of Planning Commission's recommendation on proposed Preliminary Plan for Townhomes 560 located at approximately 560 South 150 East.

City Council May 17, 2018

- Public hearing on the Final Tentative Budgets for Fiscal Years Ending 2018 and 2019.

Rocky Vista Holds Spring Community Health Fair

Date: Saturday, May 12th

Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Location: Rocky Vista University

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Presentations

Screenings (Vitals, Blood Glucose)



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Notice of Public Open House & Scoping Meeting for Warner Draw Watershed Improvements

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Burn season is still open and is anticipated to go until May 30. It is dependent upon air quality, wind and other factors which may stop the issuing of permits at anytime. If this is the case, it will reopen once the conditions improve. Getting a permit is free and simple. Go to Washingtoncity.org/burn/permits. Burning any kind or amount of garbage is NEVER ok. Be sure to read all the rules and be safe.

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Thursday, May 24th

RB Digital Training Session

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NRCS & WASHINGTON COUNTY **SCOPING MEETING**

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Mr. Darren Deboda
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Reference: NRCS Warner Draw Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Project

Dear Mr. Deboda:

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Improvements for the project are proposed at the seven sites in Washington County, Utah, listed below. A Project Area Overview map depicting each site is included in Figure 1 and additional project information is available on the project website:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/>

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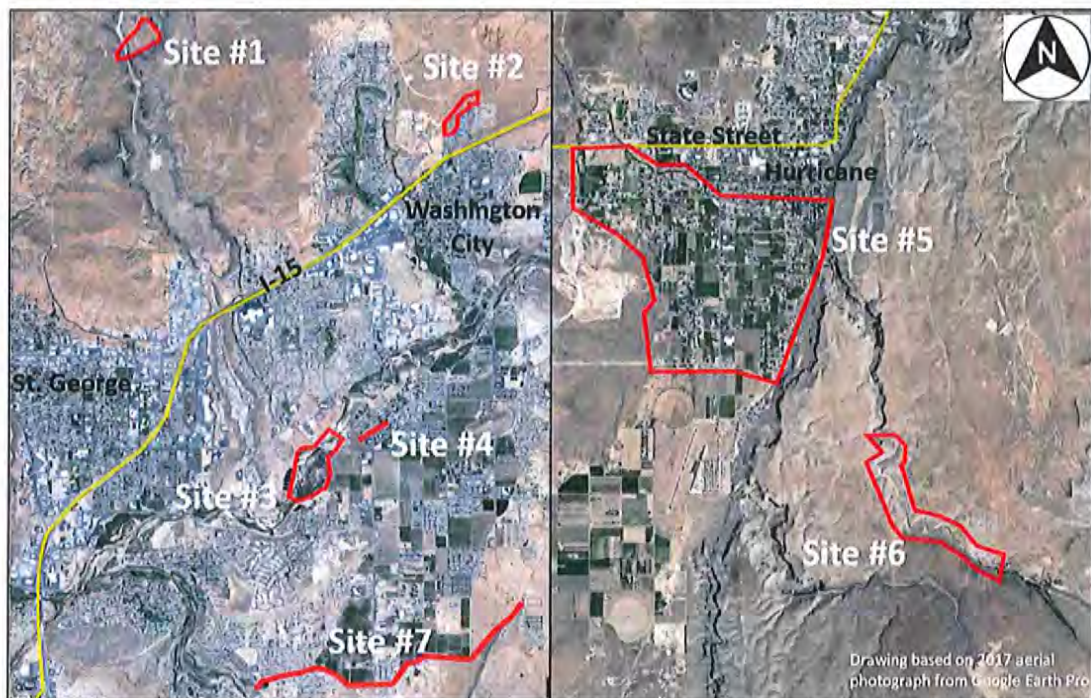


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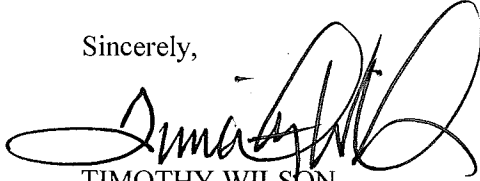
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Wilson', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

TIMOTHY WILSON
State Conservationist

cc:

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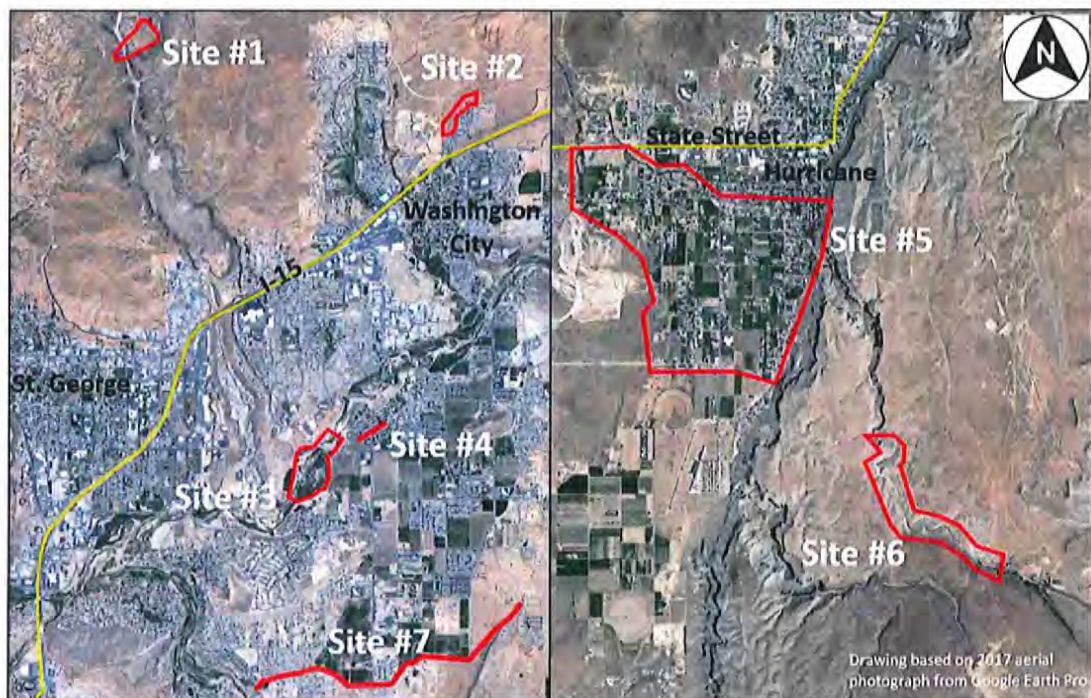


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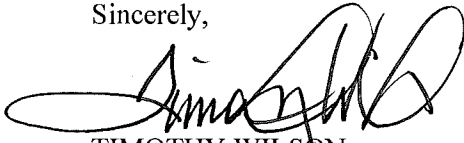
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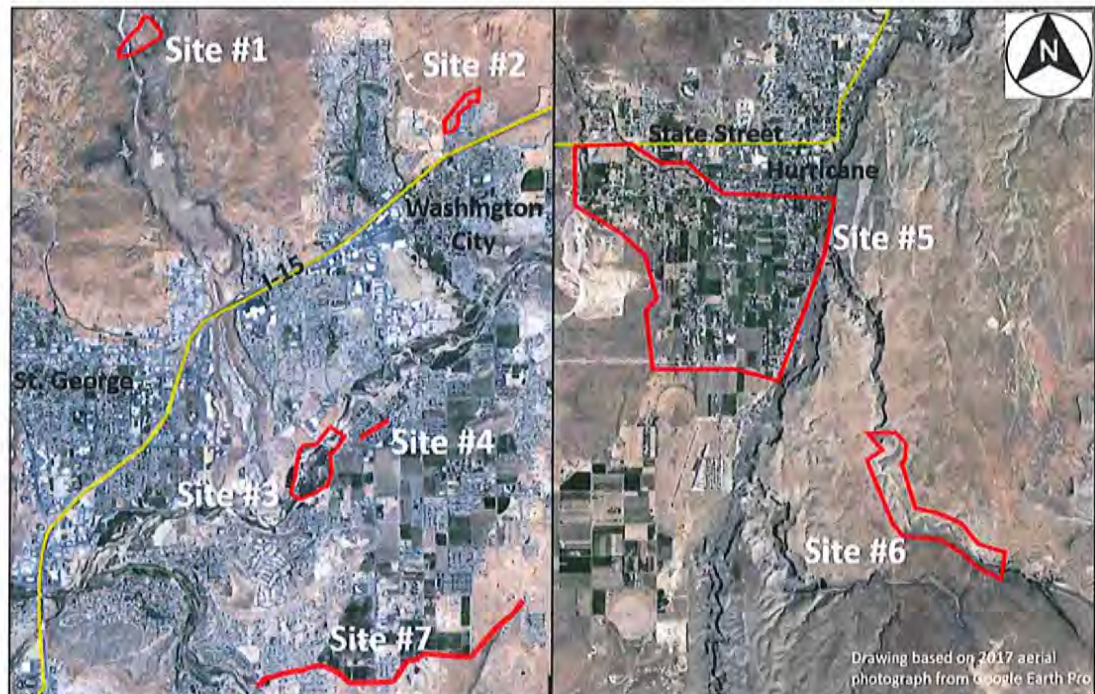


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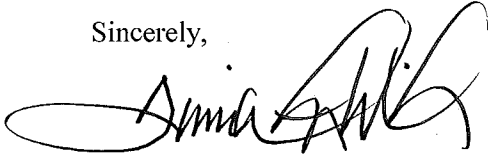
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Director
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Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

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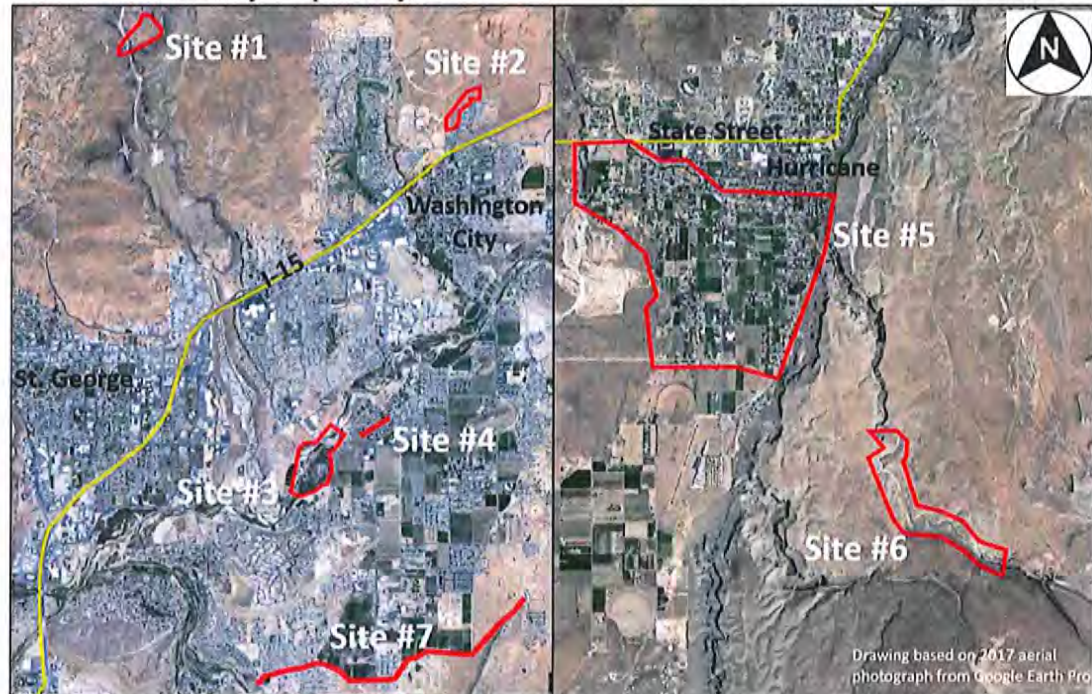


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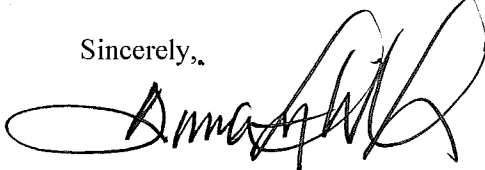
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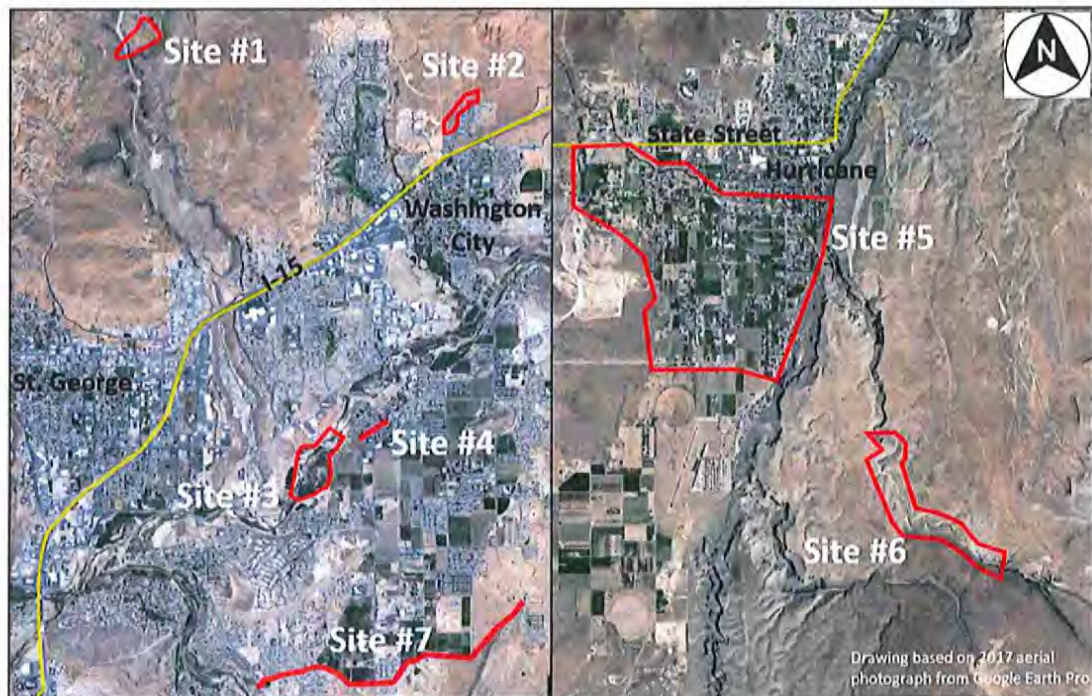


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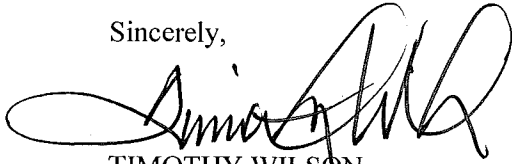
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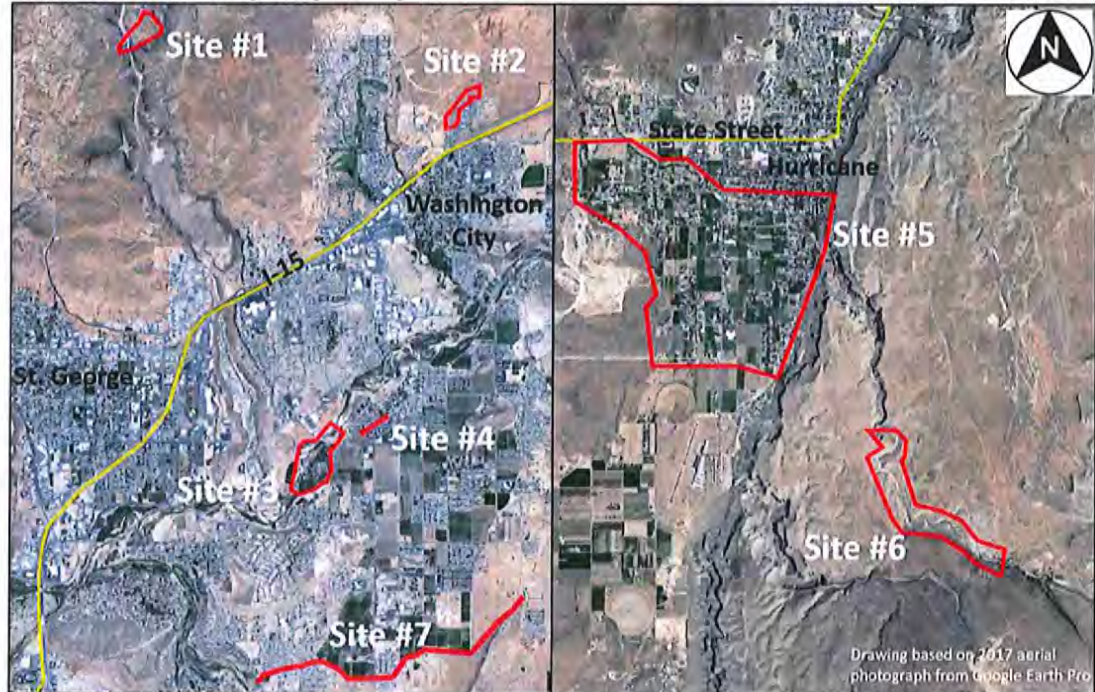


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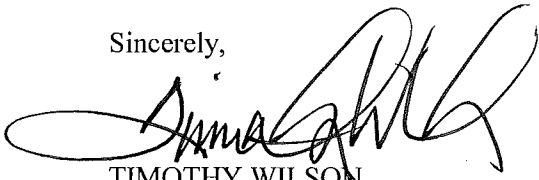
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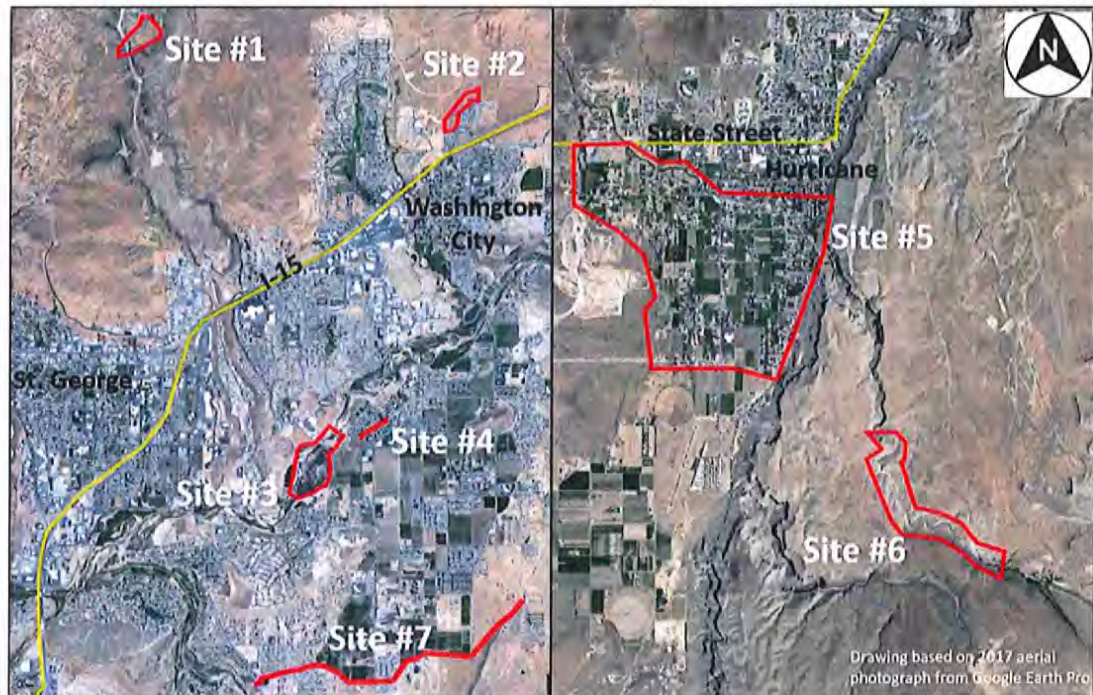


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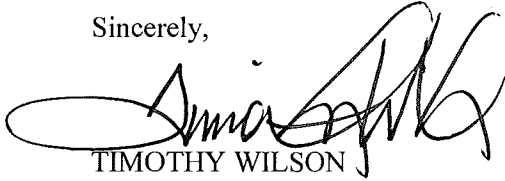
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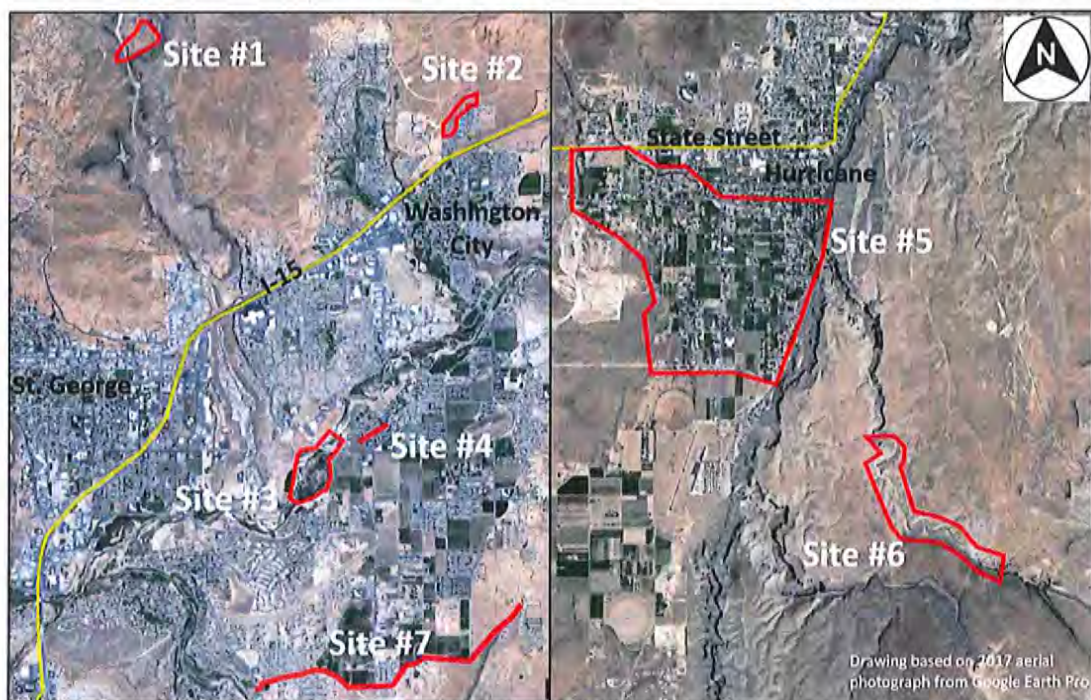
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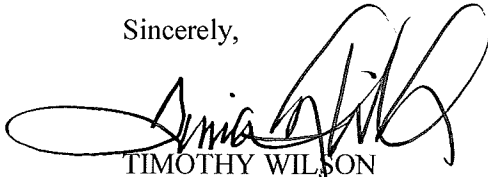
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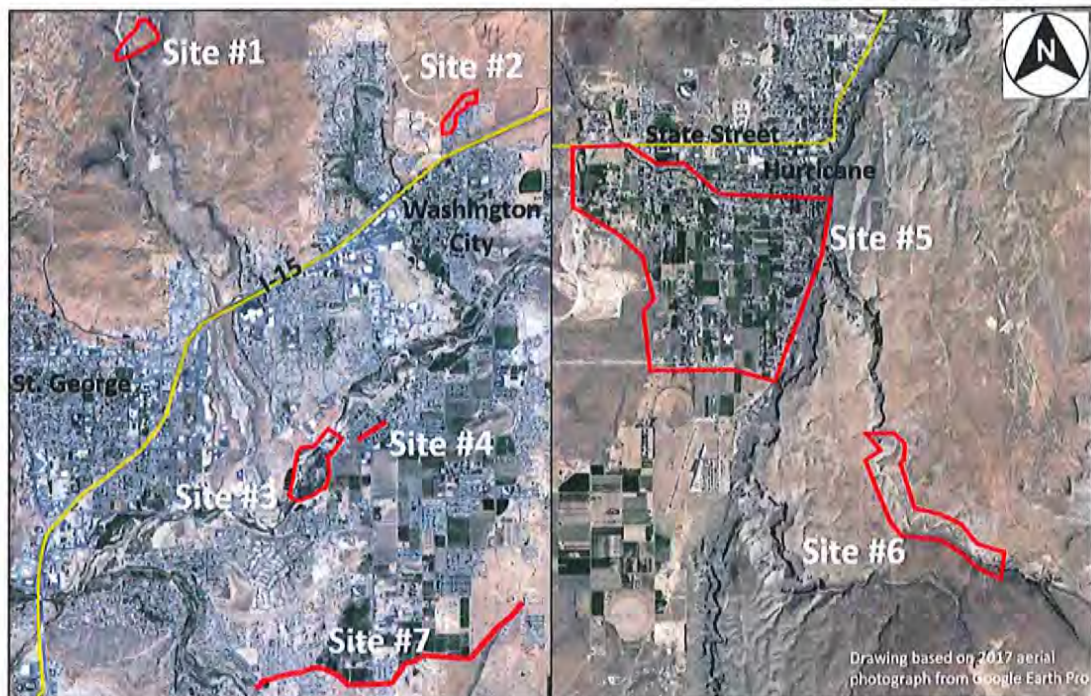


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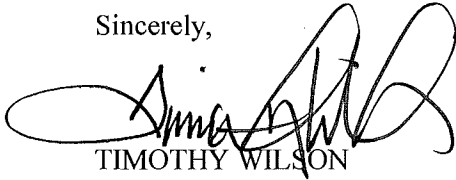
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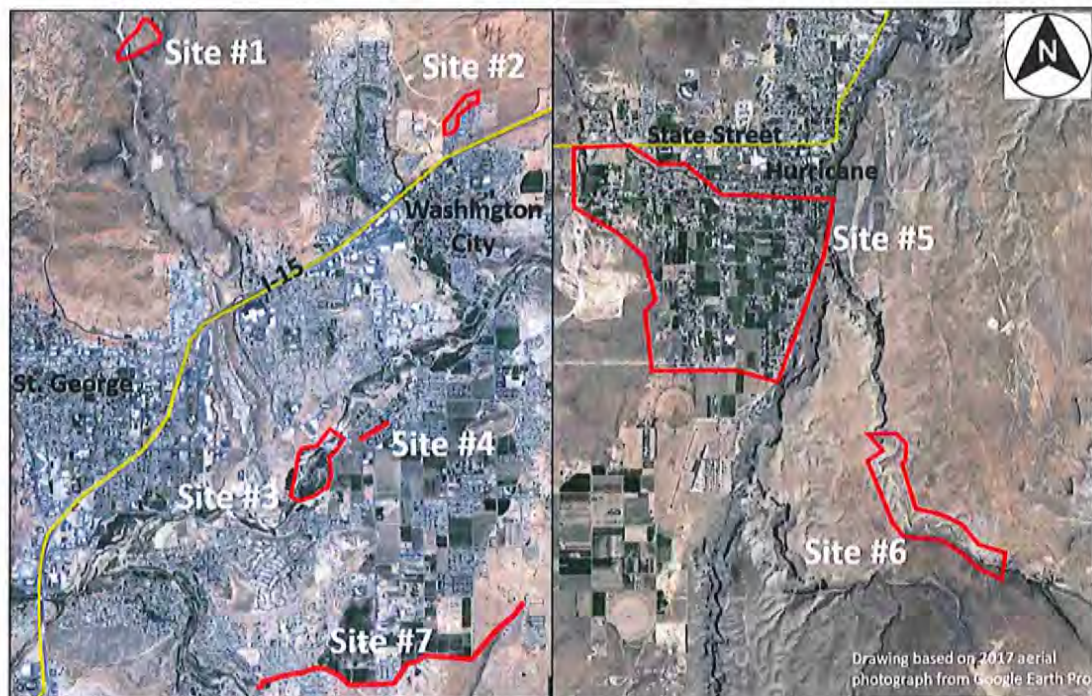


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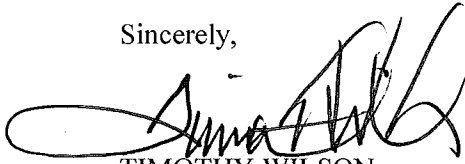
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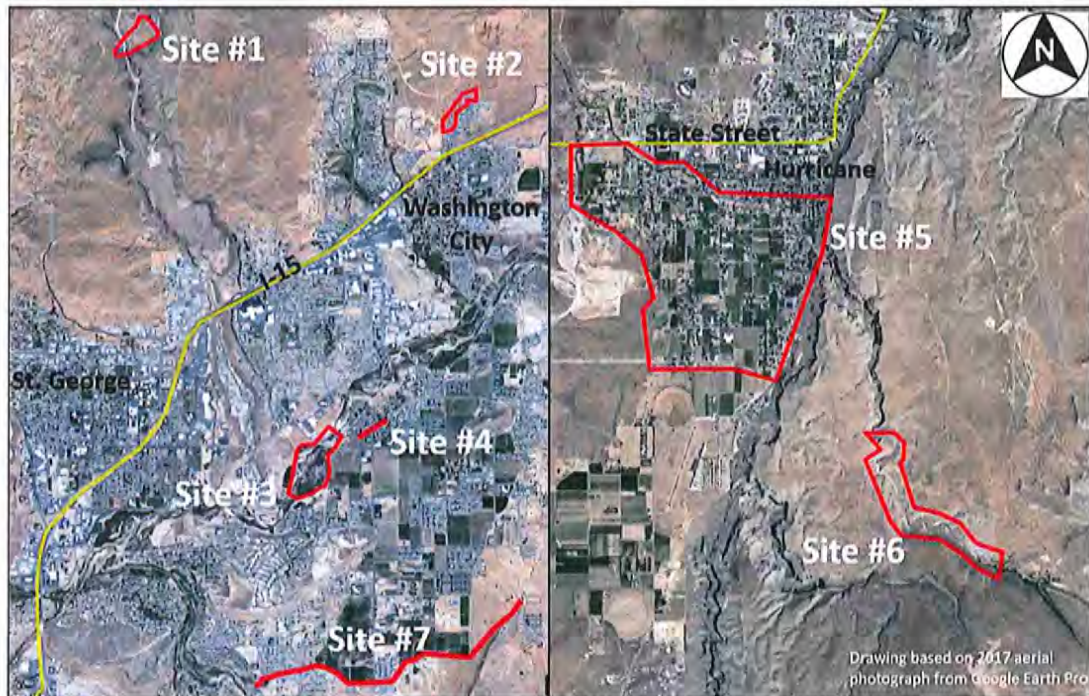


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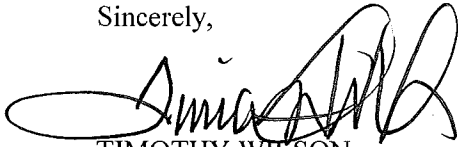
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Appendix B

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Sign-In Sheet

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Warner Draw Watershed Plan-EA

Scoping Meeting (Hurricane)

May 30, 2018



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Outline/Agenda



- Project Team
- Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program
- Project Overview
- NEPA Process
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Project Team



Lead Federal Agency
Natural Resources Conservation Service



WASHINGTON COUNTY
WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Project Sponsors
Primary Sponsor: Washington County
Other Sponsors: City of St. George, City of Hurricane,
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Engineering, Concept Design, & Environmental
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Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program



- Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act (PL 83-566) has three general purposes:
 - Preventing damage from erosion, floodwater, and sediment
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Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program



➡ PL 83-566 Funding Provided by NRCS

➡ Up to 100% Engineering

➡ Up to 100% Construction (Pending Authorized Purpose)

-Flood Protection

-Watershed Protection

-Public Recreation

-Public Fish & Wildlife

-Agricultural Water Management

-Municipal & Industrial Water Supply

-Water Quality Management

-Watershed Structure Rehabilitation

➡ Sponsor is Responsible for Real Property Rights

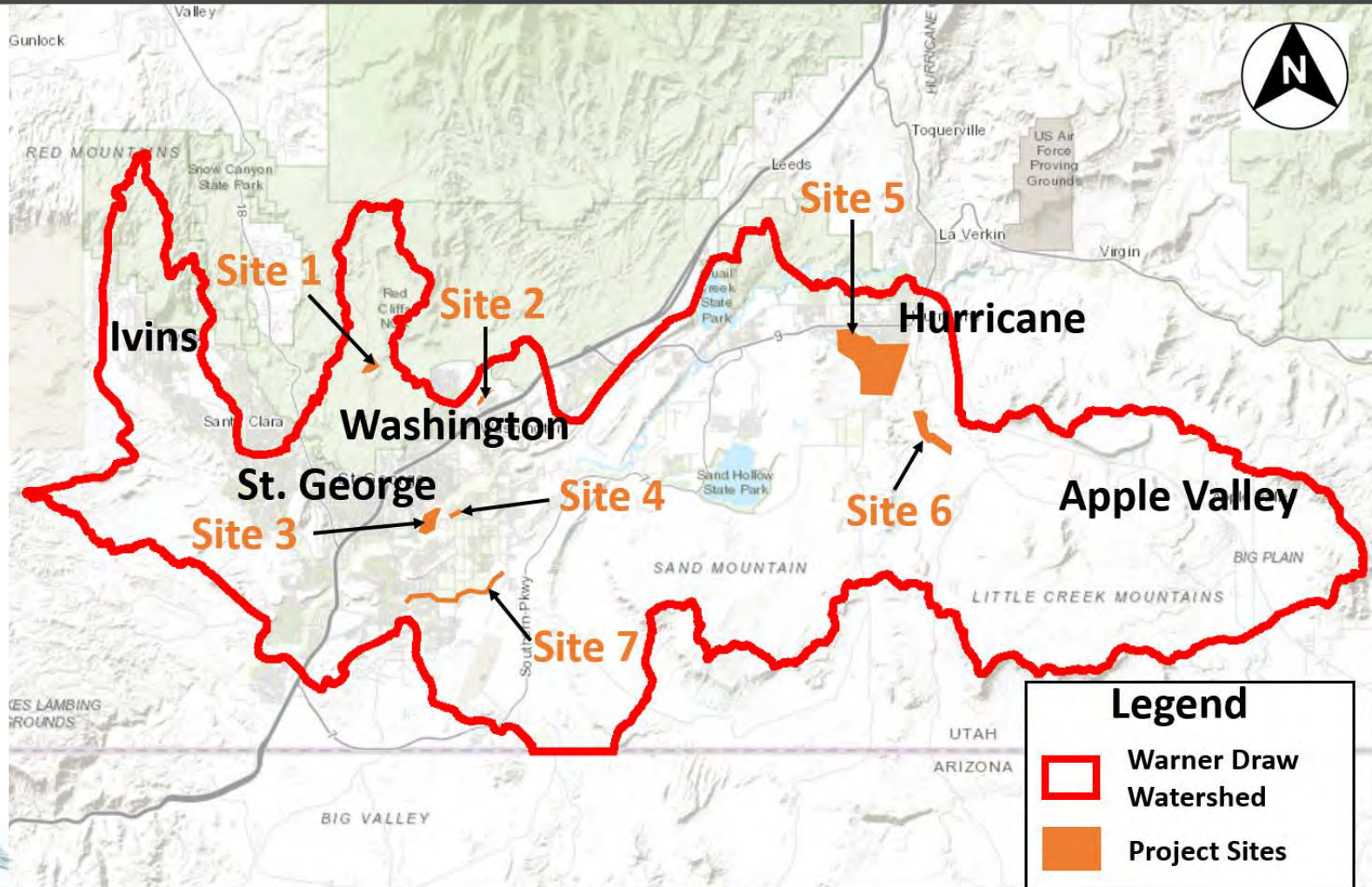


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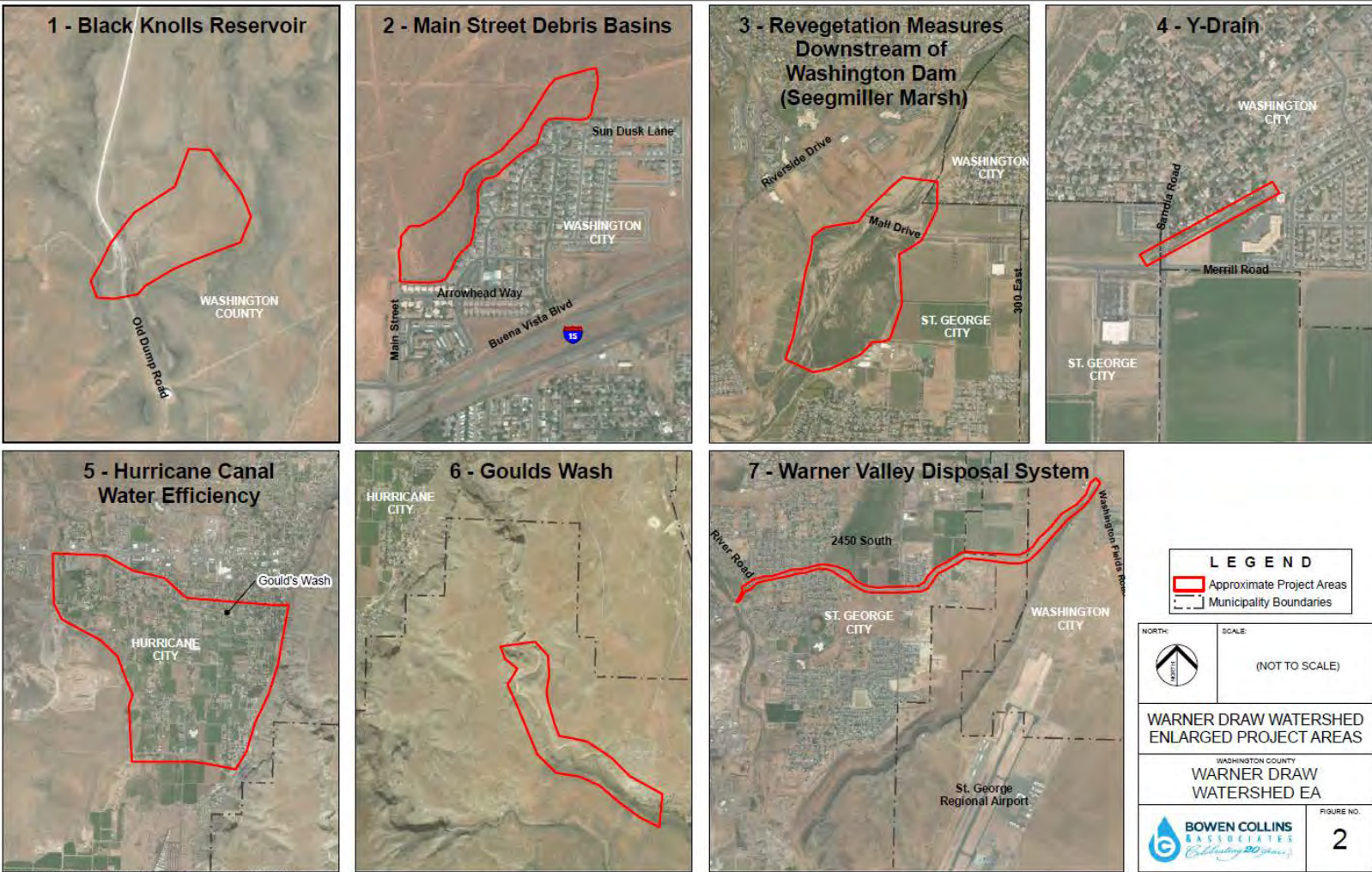
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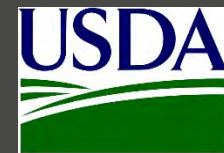
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Project Overview

Site 1 – Black Knolls Reservoir



➤ Dam Evaluation

Drawing based on 2017 aerial
photograph from Google Earth Pro



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Project Overview

Site 2 – Main Street Debris Basins



- Construct debris basins to provide flood protection and sediment retention



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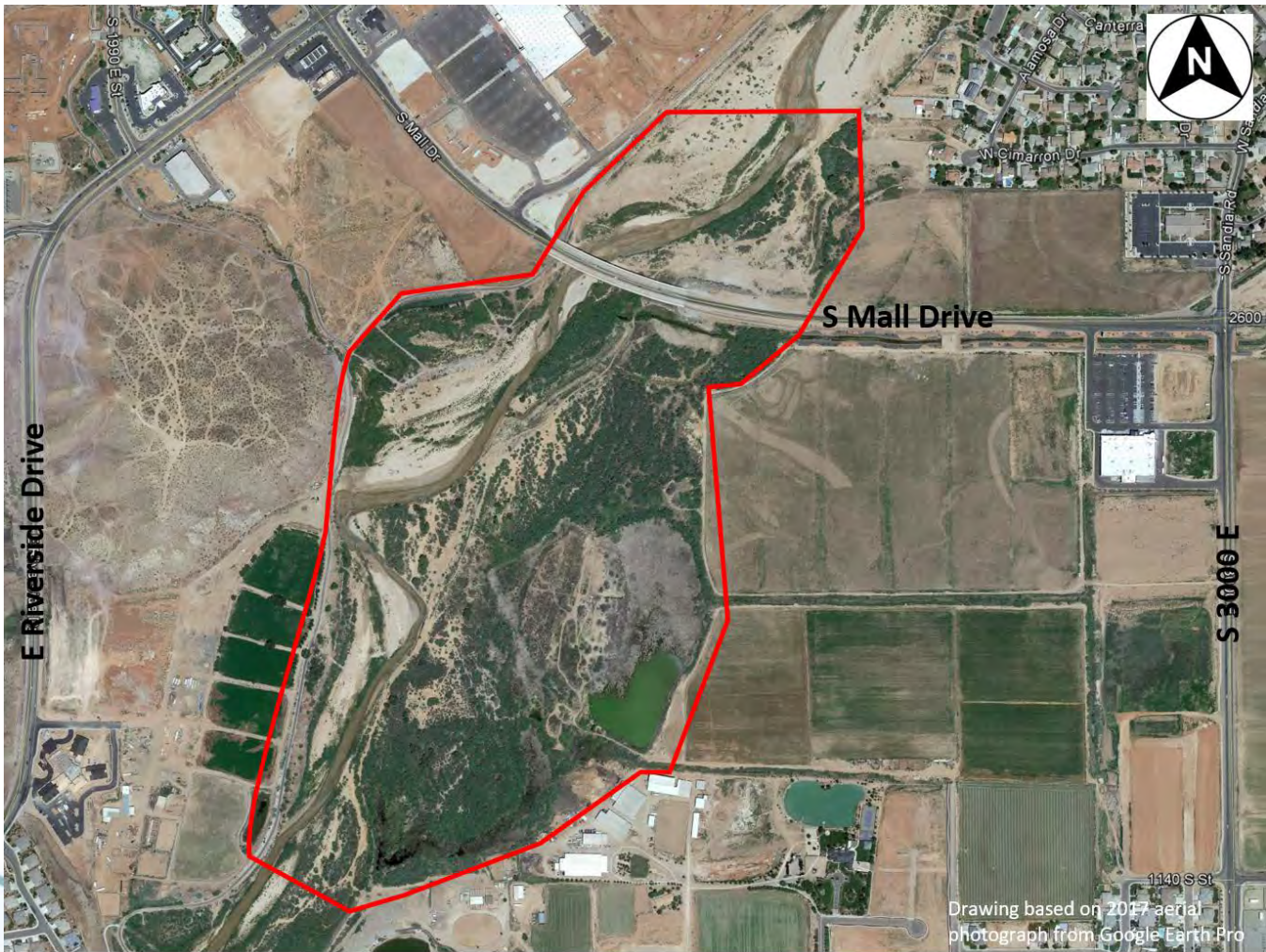


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Site 3 - Washington Dam Revegetation Measures



- Revegetation along Virgin River near Washington Dam
- Habitat enhancement
- More wetlands
- Channel protection



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Site 4 - Y-Drain

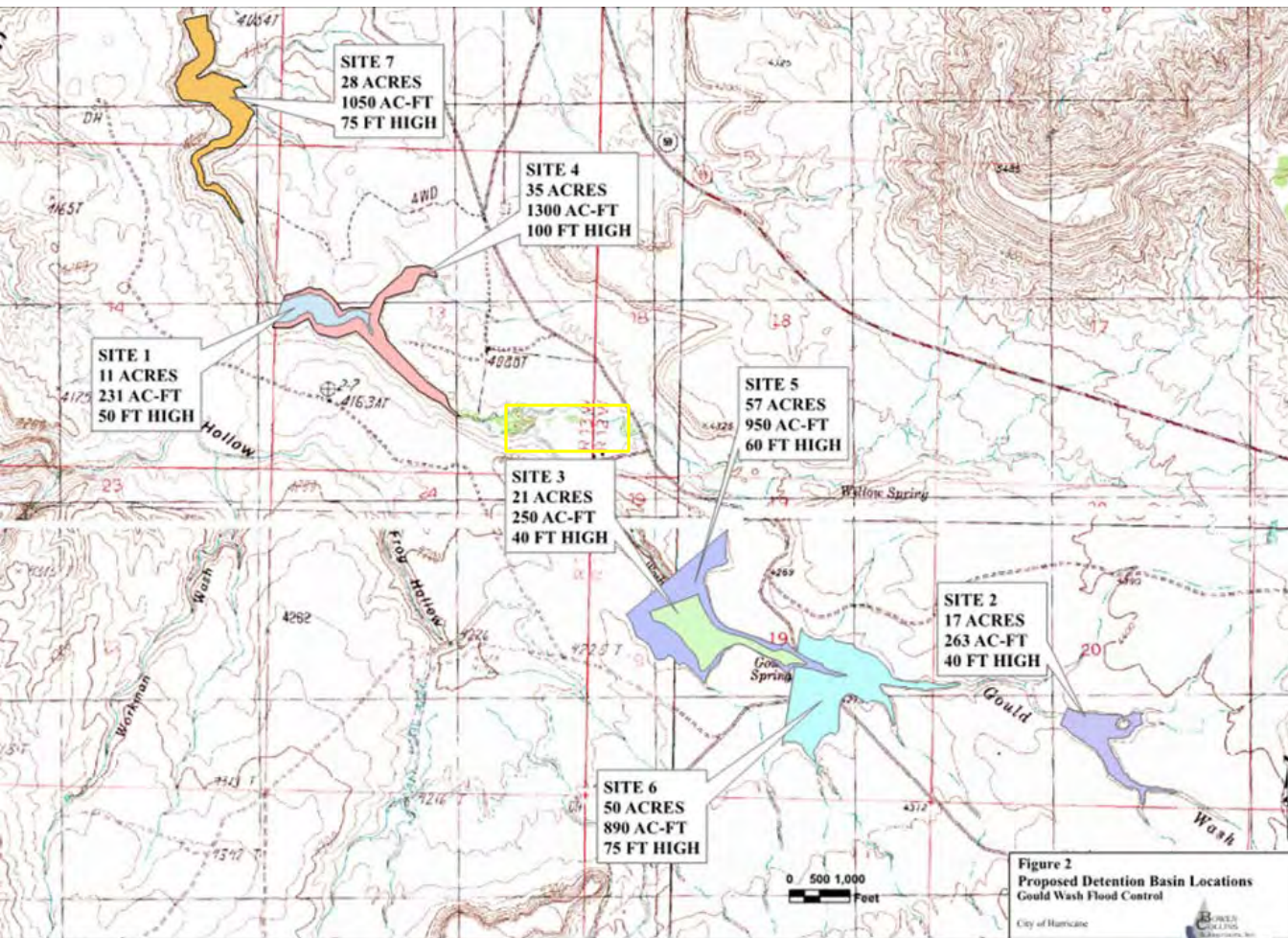


- Pipe open channel segment of Y-Drain
- Will provide additional water to Seegmiller Marsh



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Site 6 – Gould's Wash



- Construct a new dam along Gould's Wash to provide flood protection and sediment retention

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Project Overview

Site 7 - Warner Valley Disposal System



- Conveyance improvements to disposal system



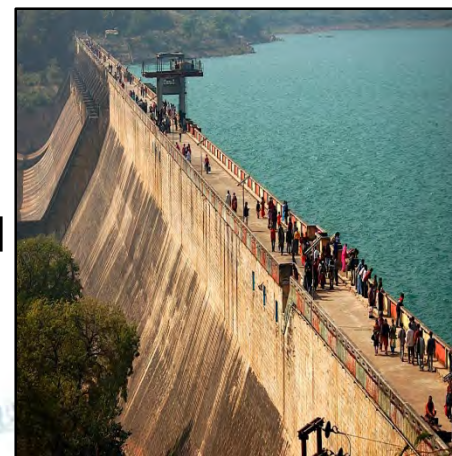
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NEPA Process (Plan-EA)

- Federal Funding Requires Analysis of the Project under NRCS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations.
 - NEPA of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) and the Council on Environmental Qualities regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508.
- NEPA Requirements
 - Environmental Assessment (EA) – Looks at potential impacts to the natural and man-made environment





NEPA Process

Resource Concerns Considered (Plan-EA)



SWAPAH

Soils

Upland Erosion and Sedimentation
Prime and Unique Farmland

Water

Surface Water Quality
Ground Water Quantity
Clean Water Act - Waters of the U.S.
Regional Water Mgt. Plans and Coastal
Zone Management Areas
Floodplain Management
Wetlands
Wild and Scenic Rivers
Sole Source Aquifers

Air

Air Quality
Clean Air Act

Plants

Special Status Plant Species
Forest Resources
Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant
Species
Natural Areas
Riparian Areas

Animals

Essential Fish Habitat
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
Coral Reefs
Special Status Animal Species
Invasive Species
Migratory Birds/Bald and Golden Eagles

Human Environment

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Hazardous Materials
Environmental Justice and Civil Rights
Public Health and Safety
Recreation
Land Use
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Scenic Beauty
Parklands
Transportation Infrastructure
Noise
Ecological Critical Areas
National Parks, Monuments and Historical Sites
Scientific Resources



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NEPA Process (Plan-EA)



➤ Public Scoping & Comment Period

Identify resource concerns, get agency/public/ sponsor/stakeholder input, discuss problems & potential alternatives

➤ Concept Design & Engineering Analysis

Perform field reconnaissance, geotechnical studies, surveys, and prepare concept design

➤ Draft Plan-EA & Comment Period

Public review and comment period of Plan-EA that includes alternatives and environmental impacts

➤ Final Plan-EA

Final EA document that Incorporates Draft EA comments made available to the public on NRCS website

➤ Significance Determination

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Or Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



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Scoping Schedule



- Scoping Comment Period Open: May 15, 2018
- Public Scoping Meetings: May 29 & 30, 2018
- **Scoping Comment Period Close: June 14, 2018**

Submit comments via phone, email, letter, or comment card

Begin Conceptual Design & Engineering Analysis after completion of Scoping



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Contact Information



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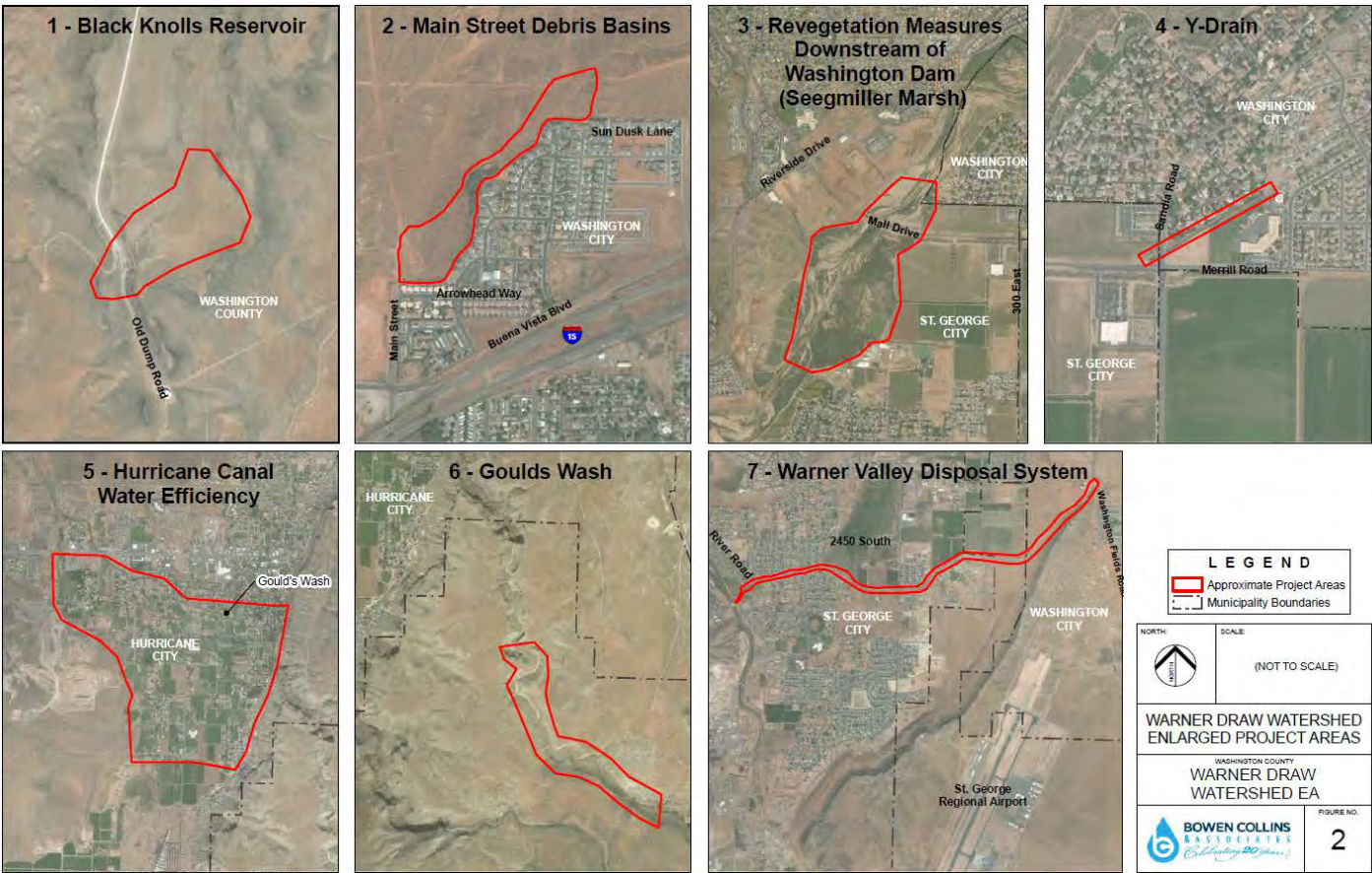
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Questions / Comments / Concerns

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Scoping Meeting Poster Boards

Welcome

Warner Draw Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Project

Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment

Scoping Meeting





Warner Draw Watershed Proposed Project Sites



Site 1: Black Knolls Reservoir

Rehabilitation of dam

Site 2: Main Street Debris Basins

Construct debris basins for flood protection and sediment retention

Site 3: Washington Dam

Revegetation Measures

Revegetation along Virgin River near Washington Dam

Site 4: Y-Drain

Pipe open channel segment of Y-Drain

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Install pressurized irrigation system and improve existing irrigation conveyance

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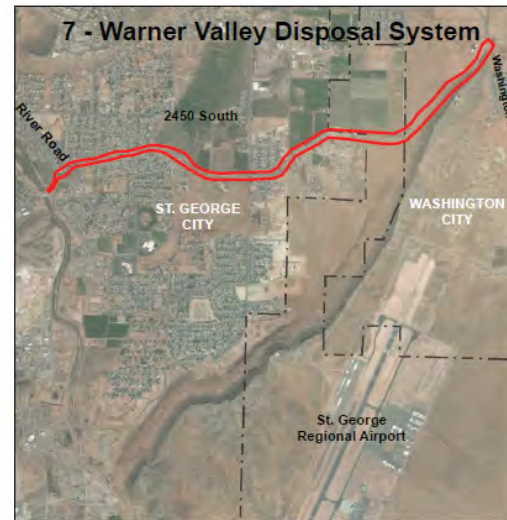
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Conveyance improvements to disposal system





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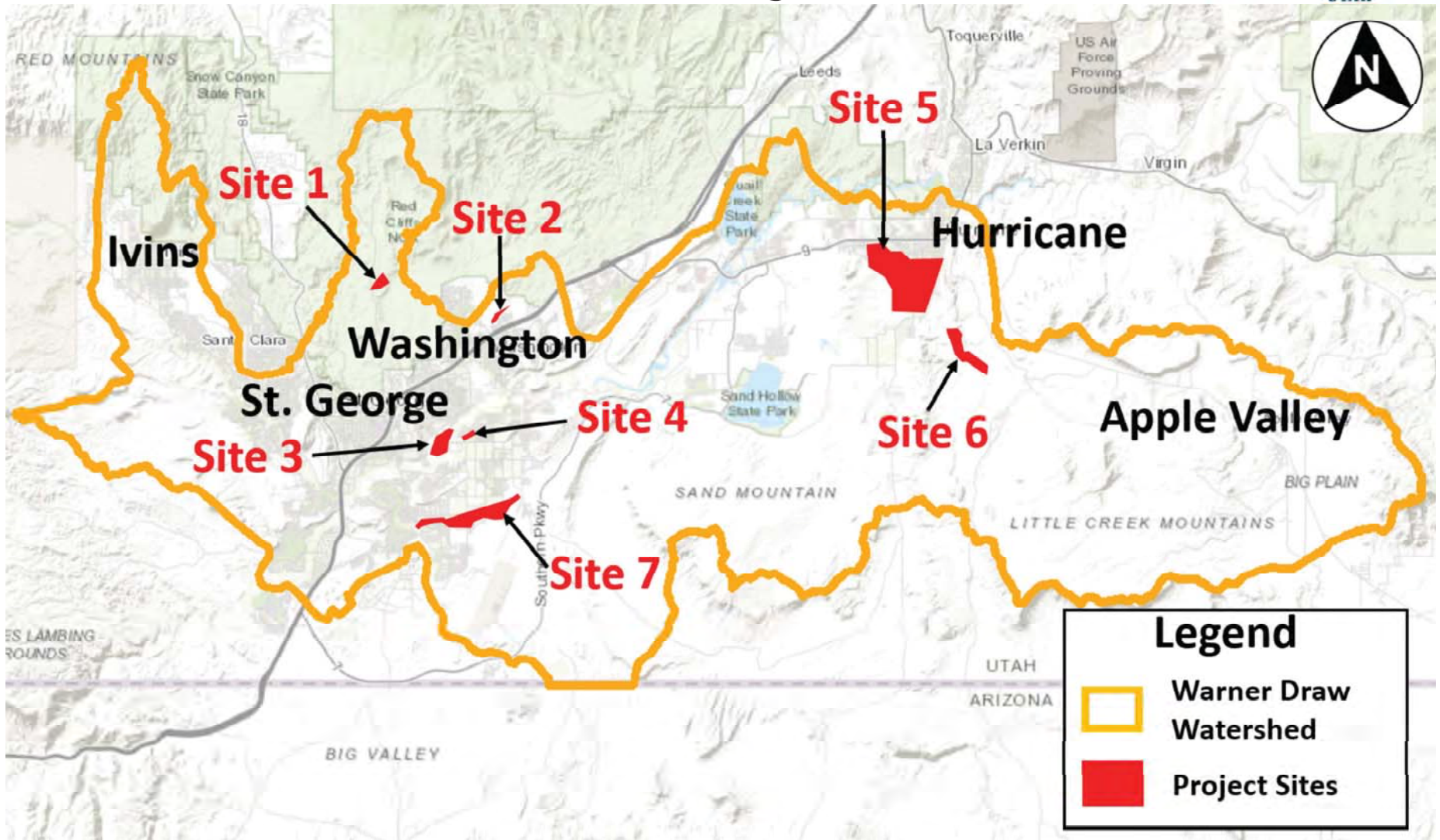
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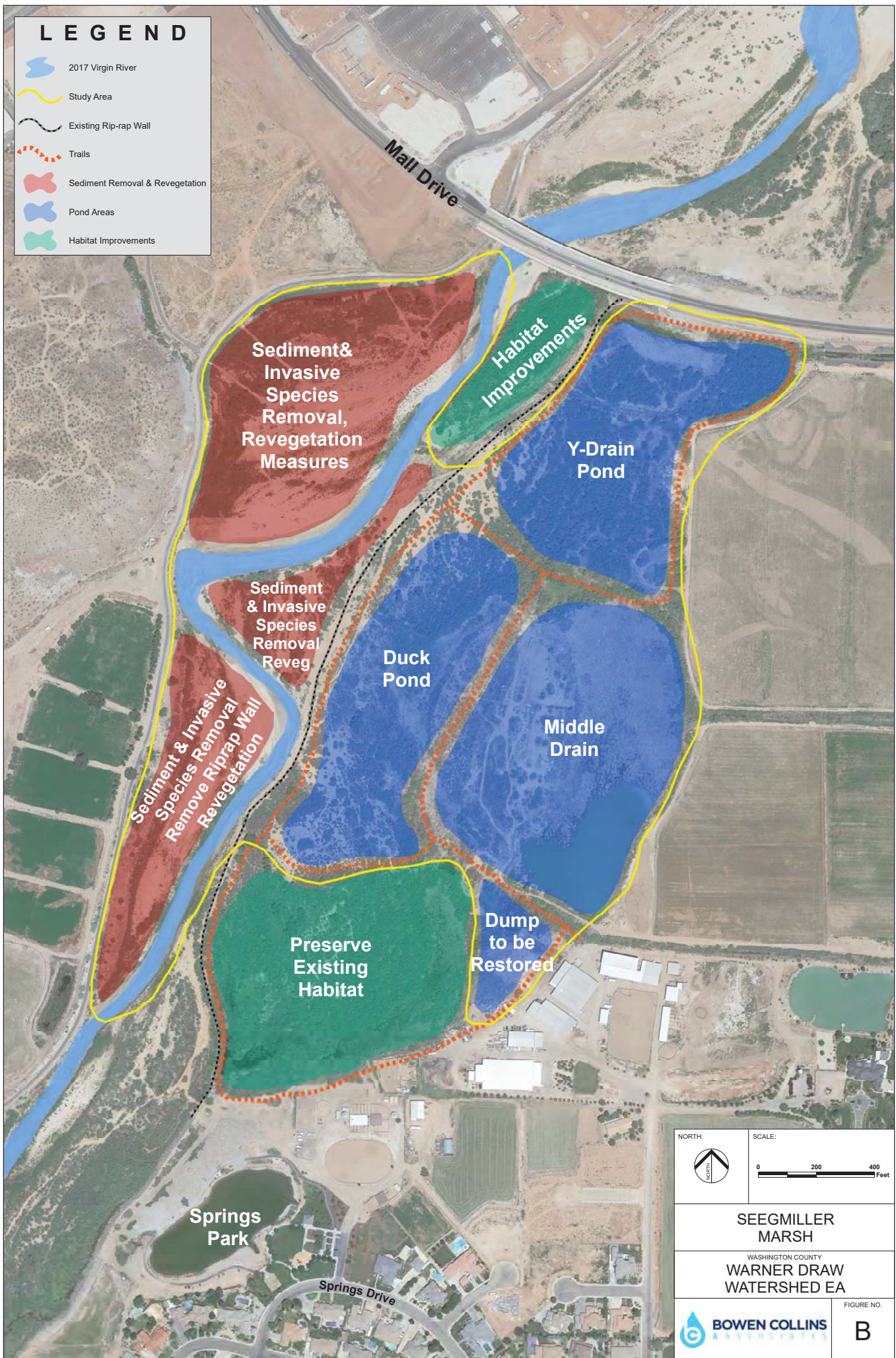


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LEGEND

-  2017 Virgin River
-  Study Area
-  Existing Rip-rap Wall
-  Trails
-  Sediment Removal & Revegetation
-  Pond Areas
-  Habitat Improvements



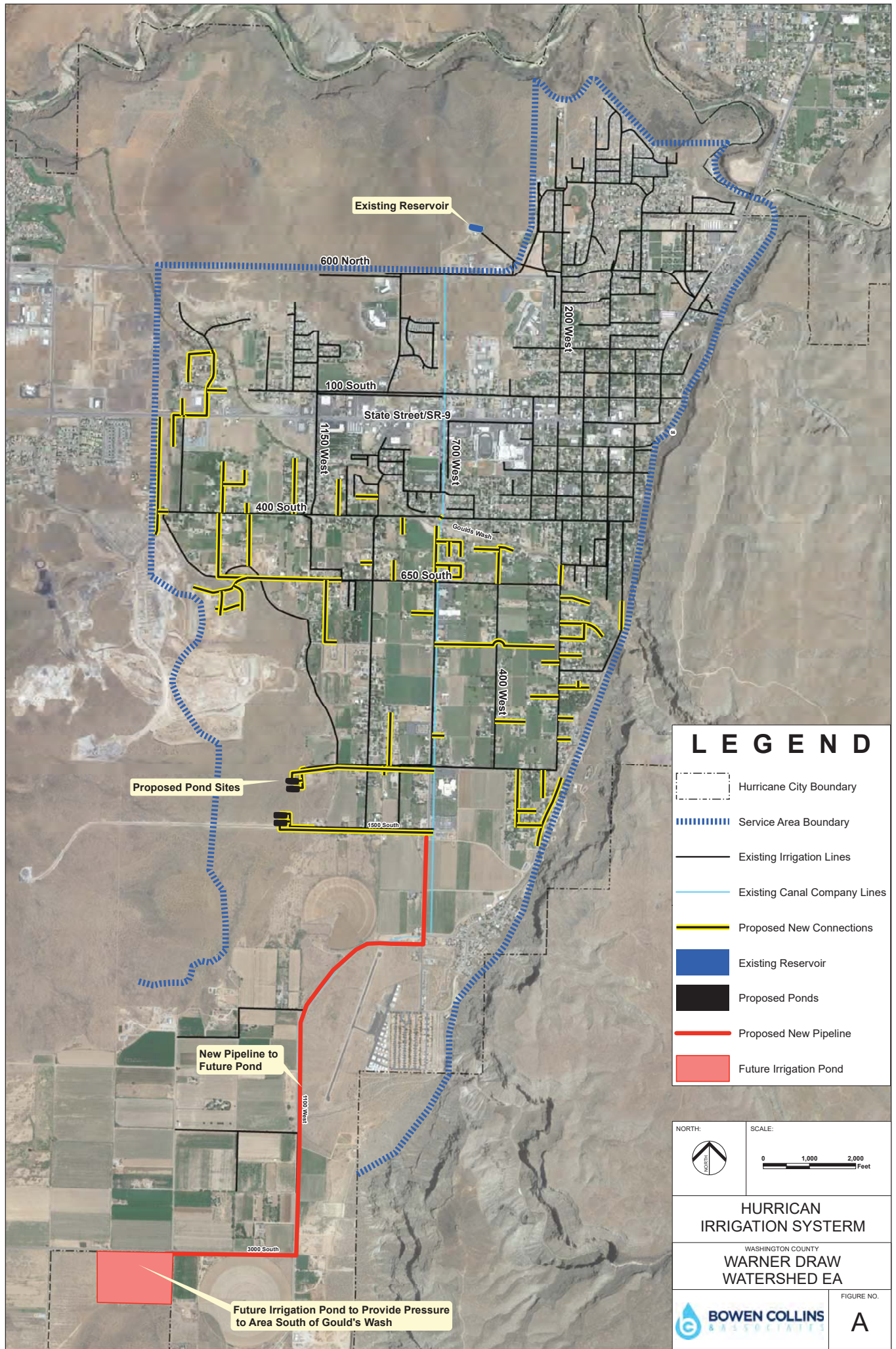
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Sign-In Sheet



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Appendix C

Scoping Comments

Comments



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Scoping Meeting (St. George) Comment Card

May 29, 2018

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Comments:

I think the project above main Street in Washington should take priority - those poor people have been repeatedly flooded + most of them are on the lower end of the economic spectrum.

You can also provide comments by emailing warnerdraw2018@bowencollins.com, faxing 801-495-2225, calling 801-495-2214, or mailing: Bowen Collins & Associates, 154 E 14075 S, Draper, UT 84020





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Comments:

Gravel Wash - Detention is needed to help reduce loss of life & property in hurricane.

- Hydrology study needs to take into account existing retention basins on Little Creek Mesa.

Irrigation - Pressurized Irrigation will help solve problems that have stemmed from farmland turning to residential. Tail water is a huge problem. Frequency of water turns works well for field farming and fruit production, but not good for irrigating lawns and gardens.

- Need to find out side funding sources so we can maximize participation from existing irrigators.

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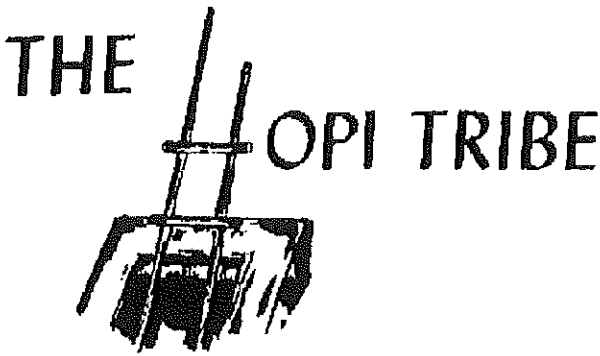
Jamie,

I wanted to submit comments for consideration during the scoping portion of the Warner Draw Watershed Project.

[REDACTED] our concerns are as follows:

- 1) Connecting existing erosion boundary walls on the west side of the river and east of the walking trail. Ultimately mitigating the erosion boundary line on the west side.
- 2) Allowing fill east of the walking trail to mitigate the 100 year flood line.
- 3) Get a working agreement with the City of St George for our water system.

Currently we are starting discussions with the Flood Control Authority on these three items. They have expressed interest in purchasing the flood plain property east of the walking trail. We would like to work out the issues above and have the property end up in the hands of the Flood Control Authority. It seems the logical answer.



Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
CHAIRMAN

Clark W. Tenakhongva
VICE-CHAIRMAN

May 21, 2018

Timothy Wilson, State Conservationist
Attention: Tara S. Hoffman, Acting State Cultural Resources Specialist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
125 South State Street, Room 4010
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

Re: Warner Draw Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Project, Washington County

Dear Mr. Wilson,

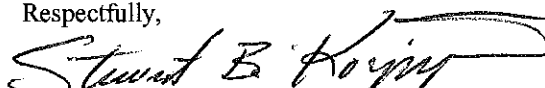
Thank you for your correspondence dated May 11, 2018, regarding the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Washington County proposing the Warner Draw Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Project. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Utah. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the NRCS's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office requests consultation on any proposal in Utah that has the potential to effect prehistoric cultural resources. We understand the project proposes improvements at seven sites to prevent flood damages, further the conservation, development utilization, and disposal of water, and further the conservation and proper utilization of land.

We also understand an environmental analysis will be prepared, and therefore we look forward to being provided with copies of the cultural resources report and draft environmental assessment for review and comment. If prehistoric cultural resources are identified that will be adversely affected by the proposed project, we will request continuing consultation including being provided with a copy of any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

We appreciate that if any prehistoric cultural features or deposits are encountered during project activities, these activities will be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains, and the State Historic Preservation Office will be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance, and if any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during project activities they will be immediately reported as required by law. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Interim Manager
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Utah State Historic Preservation Office