**WFPO**

**Accompanying Information Needed for**

**PIFR Request Letter**

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**How to Request a Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report**

Nebraska NRCS developed a web page for disseminating Watershed and Flood Prevention (WFPO) information:

[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ne/programs/planning/wpfp/](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ne/programs/planning/wpfp/ )

Review this web page to get the basic information about the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations program. If a sponsoring local organization (SLO) decides to proceed with a request for WFPO program funding, Be sure to review the document *WFPO Request for NRCS Planning Assistance*. The next step is to utilize the *WFPO PIFR Request Letter Template*. This is a basic form letter that goes to the Nebraska NRCS State Conservationist. Attached to the letter of request must be the following below information. Each project watershed requires a separate letter of request and the below accompanying information.

**Required Documentation:**

Send the *Letter of Request*, the *Accompanying Information*, and GIS shapefile of proposed project boundary to the State Conservationist, Robert Lawson ([robert.lawson@usda.gov](mailto:robert.lawson@usda.gov)), State Conservation Engineer, Allen Gehring ([allen.gehring@usda.gov](mailto:allen.gehring@usda.gov)), and the Watershed Planning Coordinator, Melissa Baier ([melissa.baier@usda.gov](mailto:melissa.baier@usda.gov)). They will work with the State Conservationist to prioritize all Nebraska WFPO funding requests and, as applicable, submit the applications to NRCS headquarters for funding.

What needs submitted:

* *Letter of Request*
* *Accompanying Information*
* Zipped GIS Shapefile of proposed Watershed Project Boundary (must include top of watershed)
* If applicable, zipped GIS Shapefile of any canals included within the Watershed Project Boundary

**Accompanying Information**

**Name of Individual Submitting the Request**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Sponsor**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Watershed Name**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**HUC 10# / 12#:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**State**: Click or tap here to enter text. **Congressional District:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Approximate Location (Center of Watershed; Decimal Degrees):**

Latitude Click or tap here to enter text. \_\_ Longitude\_\_ Click or tap here to enter text.

**Request Summary (Brief) - provide a brief description of the potential watershed project:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Potential Project Benefits - provide the expected benefits that will be realized by this effort.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Primary Project Purpose: (pick one)**

Flood Prevention (Flood Damage Reduction)

Watershed Protection

Public Recreation

Public Fish and Wildlife

Agricultural Water Management

Municipal and Industrial Water Supply

Water Quality Management

**PIFR Will be Completed by: (pick one)**

NRCS Staff

New IDIQ Task Order

**Potential Special Focus: (pick one)**

Irrigation

Rural Water Supply

Western Water

LRA/HU or Tribal

New Sponsor

None of the above Special Focuses

**ESTIMATED EQUITABLE PROJECT IMPACTS** (Much of this information can be obtained through the USDA [National Agricultural Statistics Service](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_Subject/Demographics/index.php). Select the most recent Census data then select “States by Table.”)

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| Beginning Farmers or Ranchers \_\_\_\_\_%  Non – Beginning Farmers or Ranchers \_\_\_\_\_%  (Total must equal 100%) | Explanation of Benefits:  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Veteran Farmers or Ranchers \_\_\_\_\_%  Non - Veteran Farmers or Ranchers \_\_\_\_\_%  (Total must equal 100%) | Explanation of Benefits:  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Socially Disadvantaged Groups:  African Americans \_\_\_\_\_%  American Indians \_\_\_\_\_%  Alaskan Natives \_\_\_\_\_%  Hispanics \_\_\_\_\_%  Pacific Islanders \_\_\_\_\_%  Asians \_\_\_\_\_%  Non-Socially Disadvantaged Groups \_\_\_\_\_%  (Total must equal 100%) | Explanation of Benefits:  Click or tap here to enter text. |

Federal Tribal Community (pick one)

None

NE – Omaha Reservation – TA

NE – Pine Ridge Reservation – TA

NE – Thurston County

NE – Winnebago Reservation and Off-Reservation Land

Limited Resource Area Community (pick one)

None

NE – Omaha Reservation – TA

NE – Pine Ridge Reservation – TA

NE – Thurston County

NE – Winnebago Reservation and Off-Reservation Land

*Use this space to identify additional limited resource areas (must be on the* [*official list of LRA’s*](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/ewp-emergency-watershed-protection/ewp-floodplain-buyout-option-for-limited)*)*

Click or tap here to enter text.