



Scoping Report

Pleasant Creek Watershed

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1. Introduction

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with Mount Pleasant City, Pleasant Creek Irrigation Company, and Twin Creek Irrigation Company as the project's sponsors (collectively referred to herein as the Sponsor), is proposing to partially fund the Mount Pleasant Watershed Plan in Mount Pleasant, Utah through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act [Public Law (PL) 83-566]. The proposed improvements include the rehabilitation of the Upper Debris Basin to provide flood protection to downstream residential, commercial, and agricultural areas; construction of a new reservoir to provide long-term storage for agricultural users and water for potential wildfire fighting efforts within proximity to Mount Pleasant and the surrounding areas; an evaluation of decommissioning the Lower Debris Basin; and the separation of agricultural and residential user's irrigation water delivery systems. Improvements under consideration are described below and will address flood protection, watershed protection, and agriculture water management.

- **Flood Protection:** The proposed project would offer increased protection to resident's homes, commercial buildings, agricultural properties, city infrastructure, and a power plant within Mount Pleasant City. The Pleasant Creek Upper Debris Basin would be rehabilitated to meet current NRCS and Utah State Dam Safety regulations and current engineering standards. Rehabilitation efforts would include increasing the overall capacity of the debris basin, constructing a sediment settling basin at the intake of the debris basin, removing several feet of sediment, increasing the height of the dam, and widening the dam's crest.
- **Watershed Protection:** Measures will be considered to help control sedimentation in the Upper Debris Basin and to maximize the efficiency and design life of the Upper Debris Basin to allow the Lower Debris Basin to be decommissioned. Methods will be evaluated to protect the watershed from impacts of flooding to lands where grazing and vegetation stabilization occur.
- **Agriculture Water Management:** Agricultural water management is an essential part of this project in that it will allow for reliable water for approximately 4,280 acres of agriculture irrigation and 1,400 secondary residential water users. The project will separate the agriculture irrigators and residential secondary water reservoirs and delivery systems, which are presently combined as one system. A new storage reservoir would be constructed to supply agricultural users with water throughout the growing season. This will allow the agricultural users to receive their full shares of water, minimize conflicts around excess water use by residential users, and conserve approximately 908 acre-feet of water annually as old leaky pipes are replaced, and meters are installed on individual secondary residential connections.

1.1 NEPA Analysis

NRCS, as the lead federal agency, is initiating National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis in the form of a new 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. The Plan-EA will comprise the following items:

- Alternative analysis of potential options for the current debris basins to meet NRCS and Utah Dam Safety engineering standards including the following:
 - No Action: The Upper and Lower Debris Basins would still be required to meet state dam safety and engineering requirements. As the operator of the debris basins, Mount Pleasant would be mandated to meet these requirements. A new water storage facility

would not be constructed, and the agricultural and secondary water delivery systems would not be separated. Water consumption by residential and agricultural users would continue to be used and unaccounted for. Costly maintenance and repairs of the aging system would be the responsibility of the Sponsor. No Federal funds would be available for the needed updates.

- Decommission the Lower Debris Basin: Completely decommission the Lower Debris Basin.
 - Rehabilitate the Upper Debris Basin: The Upper Debris Basin would be rehabilitated to meet current state dam safety requirements. Rehabilitation efforts would include sediment removal, increasing the height of the dam, and widening the dam's crest. The increased capacity of the Upper Debris Basin would create additional flood protection to the watershed and compensate for decommissioning the Lower Debris Basin.
 - Construction of an additional storage reservoir: Construction of a new storage reservoir would increase the available irrigation water for downstream users and allow the city to separate the agricultural and secondary irrigation delivery systems. Land acquisition or a use agreement between the Sponsor and a private landowner would be required to construct a new reservoir.
 - Other Alternatives: Other alternatives identified by the public and project team during scoping will be analyzed during the NEPA process and Plan-EA development.
- Detailed analysis of resources that may be affected for each of the alternatives that may satisfy the purpose and need for the project.
 - Identification of potential mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potential impacts; and,
 - A plan for public participation and government agency coordination throughout development of the Plan-EA.

1.2 Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to decommission the Lower Debris Basin, rehabilitate the Upper Debris Basin, construct a new storage reservoir, and separate the agricultural and secondary irrigation delivery systems. Decommissioning the Lower Debris Basin is needed because the dam does not meet current safety and engineering standards and rehabilitating the dam is not economically feasible due to property boundaries and logistical constraints. Rehabilitation of the Upper Debris Basin is needed to bring the dam up to current safety and engineering standards and to compensate for the decommissioning of the Lower Debris Basin. A new storage reservoir is needed to increase irrigation storage for agricultural producers and secondary water users and to provide a reliable source of irrigation throughout the growing season. Furthermore, a new storage reservoir would allow separation of the agricultural and secondary irrigation delivery systems which is needed to account for water use and minimize conflict within the community over issues regarding allocation and excess use. The new delivery systems would eliminate water loss due to leaks and reduce the time and effort required by the Sponsor to complete costly repairs of the current aging system. Storage capacity of the new reservoir would also allow for filling aerial attack aircraft during wildfire fighting efforts in the Manti-La Sal National Forest and adjacent areas.

1.3 Scoping Goals and Objectives

The participation of the public is an important component of the Plan-EA so that those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed alternatives have an opportunity to share their concerns and provide input regarding the Plan-EA during the initial stages of the process. The main tasks to accomplish this are to 1) establish ongoing communication with stakeholders, agencies, and the

general public; 2) educate the public about the environmental review process and clearly identify each party's roles and responsibilities; 3) continually evaluate public participation activities and utilize the most effective technique(s) throughout the NEPA process; and, 4) document all public and government agency input. This Scoping Report outlines the comments received from the agencies and general public during the scoping process.

2 Scoping Overview

Scoping questions, comments, and concerns were requested from the public and government agencies during the scoping period via written submittal of comments. The following summarizes the scoping process and efforts made to engage the public and government agencies.

2.1 Scoping Schedule

The following dates outline the milestones for the scoping process:

- February 12, 2019: Preliminary Kick-off Meeting and Presentation to City Council
- March 22, 2019: Scoping Notice Posted to NRCS Project Website
- March 28, 2019: Public Notice Published in The Pyramid newspaper
- March 28, 2019: Scoping Flyer sent to Public, and agencies
- March 28, 2019: Scoping Period Opened
- April 4, 2019: Public Notice Published in The Pyramid newspaper
- April 11, 2019: Public Scoping Open House
- April 26, 2019: Scoping Period Closed

2.2 Scoping Notice

A scoping notice was prepared and sent to interested parties and regulatory agencies on March 28, 2019. The list of recipients was prepared by NRCS, Mount Pleasant City, and J-U-B Engineers, Inc (J-U-B). The scoping notice gave a description of the project, its location, and requested public participation and input. The scoping notice provided details of the public meeting, contact information to submit written comments, and the scoping period open and closure dates. The scoping notice was posted to the NRCS Project Website. Copies of the scoping notices are attached in Appendix A.

Public meeting announcements were published March 28, 2019 and April 4, 2019 in The Pyramid newspaper announcing the project and public open house. The Pyramid Newspaper also published an independent article on April 11, 2019 regarding the proposed project and the public open house that same evening. Copies of the newspaper public meeting announcements and the newspaper article are attached in Appendix A.

The scoping notice was also posted to the State Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) website listed as Project Number 68345.

2.3 Scoping Meeting

The primary purpose of the scoping meeting was to gather input and feedback on the project while providing an accurate and complete description of the project. The scoping meeting set up the development of the project purpose and need statement, potential alternatives for consideration, environmental issues to be addressed in the EA, methodologies to be used to evaluate impacts, and the overarching public participation process. A combined government agency and general public scoping

open house was held on April 11, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM at North Sanpete High School in Mount Pleasant, Utah in order to reach as broad of an audience as possible.

2.4 Mailing Lists

The mailing list was prepared by NRCS, Mount Pleasant City, and J-U-B to inform the relevant government agencies and the general public about the scoping process for the project. A total of 25 letters were sent to government agencies. 1,700 flyers were sent to the public, which represents every mailing address in Mount Pleasant City. Copies of the agency mailing list, scoping letter, and scoping flyer are included in Appendix A.

3 Scoping Meeting

The combined government agency and general public scoping open house was held April 11, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM. During the open house, a brief formal presentation was given by the study team describing the proposed project, potentially affected areas, the Plan-EA schedule, and display boards that presented project details. The scoping meeting display boards can be found in Appendix B.

There were (75) public attendees that signed in, over (100) that were in attendance during the presentation, six (6) project team members from J-U-B, one (1) NRCS representative, and several sponsor representatives at the scoping meeting.

3.1 Comments

Participants were invited to submit comments in writing either at the meeting or subsequently by mail or e-mail during the scoping comment period. Attendance at the meeting was counted using a sign-in sheet that can be found in Appendix B, although several other attendees did not sign in. Comment cards were available at the meeting which also provided a space to submit written comments

The scoping period officially opened on March 28, 2019 and ended on April 26, 2019 for a total of 30 days. Written comments were accepted via mail, e-mail, or comment card during that period.

There were (17) written scoping comments received for the Mount Pleasant Watershed Project. Written comments can be found in Appendix B.

3.2 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 the comment. The following categories were created for scoping purposes and are listed below.

- Conflict with The Narrows Project
- Construction Impacts (4)
- Design Considerations/Metering (4)
- Design System with Growth in Mind
- Drought Impacts
- Fishing Impacts at Lower Debris Basin (3)
- General Project Impacts (3)
- General Project Support (4)
- Gun Range Impacts
- Highland Irrigation Impacts

- Historic Flood Impacts (2)
- Lower Debris Basin Impacts (2)
- Potential Impacts to Water Rights, Water Shares, and Water Rates (8)
- Potential Insurance Rate Increases
- Recreation/Trail Considerations at Debris Basins (2)
- Support Separating the Secondary Water Delivery Systems (4)
- Water Pressure Impacts

4 Resource Concerns

An analysis of resource concerns specific to this project will be completed during the development of the Draft Plan-EA and any non-relevant resources will be eliminated from further analysis.

Appendix A - Scoping Notices

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Proposed Mount Pleasant Watershed Plan, Mount Pleasant, Utah
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NRCS will hold an open house to provide information about the proposed project and to collect comments.* A formal presentation will be given at 6:30 p.m. to explain the information and materials available at the open house. The public is invited to attend, discuss the project and submit comments during the open house on:

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Location: North Sanpete High School Auditorium
390 East 700 South
Mount Pleasant, Utah 84647

Written comments can be submitted during the public scoping period starting March 28, 2019 and ending on April 26, 2019. All questions and comments should be directed to:

Marcus Murdock, The Langdon Group
466 North 900 West
Kaysville, Utah 84037
435-213-2872 phone
email@mtpwatershed.com

Comments must be postmarked by April 26, 2019. Additional information may be found at the NRCS project website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/>

**Por favor contactenos al 435.213.2872 ó email@mtpwatershed.com para información en Español.*

Mt. Pleasant Watershed (Sponsor = Mt. Pleasant City, Pleasant Creek Irrigation, and Twin Creek Irrigation)

Project Description

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Flood Protection: The proposed project will protect residents, homes, properties, infrastructure, and a power plant within Mt. Pleasant City as the Sponsor rehabilitates the Pleasant Creek Upper Dam by removing tons of sediment, raising the dam, widening the dam crest, and increasing the reservoir area to add storage.

Watershed Protection: Measures will be considered to help control the sedimentation in the Upper Debris Basin and to maximize the design of the Upper Debris Basin to allow the Lower Debris Basin to be decommissioned and extend the design life of the Upper Dam. Methods will be evaluated to protect the watershed from impacts of flooding to lands where grazing and vegetation stabilization occur.

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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.

Public Scoping Comment Period

Open: Thursday, March 28, 2019

Close: Friday, April 26, 2019

Scoping Public Open House – North Sanpete High School Auditorium

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019

Time: 6 – 8 p.m. (formal presentation at 6:30 p.m.)

Location: North Sanpete High School Auditorium

390 East 700 South

Mt. Pleasant, Utah 84647

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Project Documents

Scoping

Scoping Notice (PDF)

NOTE: We will add other directories as we move through the NEPA planning process.

Updated: March 19, 2019

BLM offers incentives to encourage wild horse, burro adoptions

WASHINGTON — As part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) effort to find good homes for wild horses and burros removed from public lands, the agency recently began offering new financial incentives to encourage qualified people to adopt one or more of the animals.

The program is part of the BLM's efforts to control a growing over-population of wild horses and burros on fragile rangelands and to off-range holding facilities, which cost taxpayers nearly \$50 million every year to maintain.

As of March 1, 2018, the wild horse and burro population on public lands was estimated at approximately 81,950 animals, which is now more than triple the size the land can support along with other legally mandated uses.

High costs and a growing number of unadopted and unsold animals in BLM holding facilities have hindered the agency's ability to reduce over-population in recent years. Chronic over-population increases the risk of damage to rangeland resources through overgrazing, and raises the chances of starvation and threat for animals in overpopulated herds.

Through the new incentive program, qualified adopters are eligible to receive \$500 within 60 days of the adoption date and an additional \$500 within 60 days of titling for each animal, which normally occurs one year from the adoption date.

The incentive is available for all animals that are eligible for adoption, including animals at BLM facilities, off-site events or on the agency's Online Corral website. Adopters will just pay a minimum \$25 adoption fee per animal.

"We understand that adopting a wild horse or



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financial incentives are now being offered to encourage adoption of wild horses and burros removed from public lands.

burro represents a commitment. The incentive is designed to help with the adopter's initial training and humane care," said BLM Deputy Director of Programs and Policy Brian Steed.

"I encourage anyone who has considered adopting a wild horse or burro to join the thousands of owners who have provided good homes to more than 245,000 wild horses or burros since 1971."

Potential adopters are required to complete an application proving they can lead and provide humane care to the animals and that they will adhere to the prohibited acts and titling requirements.

In addition, potential adopters must authorize the incentive to be deposited via electronic funds transfer to their preferred account at their financial institution. Potential adopters should visit the BLM website or call (866) 466-7826 to learn more about the guidelines and requirements for adopting a wild horse or burro.

The BLM manages and protects wild horses and burros under the authority of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. The Act directs the BLM to address overpopulation by removing excess animals from over-populated herds and offering them to the public

for adoption or purchase.

"Finding good homes for excess animals and reducing overpopulation on the range are top priorities for the BLM as we strive to protect the health of these animals while balancing other legal uses of our public rangelands, including allowing for other traditional land uses such as wildlife conservation and grazing," Steed added.

Owning a wild horse or burro is an extraordinary experience. They have reached national notoriety through disciplines such as dressage, endurance and therapeutic programs that help veterans fulfill a new mission. Wild horses and burros are routinely preferred by public officials for important tasks such as patrolling the border and local policing.

Interested persons can read stories from recent wild horse and burro adopters and purchasers on the BLM's Flickr page found online at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mypubliclands/photos/7255767456905470/>.

About BLM

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$66 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2017. These activities supported more than 466,000 jobs.

For more information, visit <https://www.blm.gov/>.

Breakfast from backyard, poultry ownership fosters food connection

BRENTWOOD, TN — People can all agree — food should taste good, but for a growing number of people, there's more to the story. Where did the food come from? How was it grown or raised?

Many people have decided to answer these questions themselves by taking the leap and producing their own food, even on a small scale. As a result, the popularity of backyard poultry ownership has exploded.

Raising poultry is the perfect way for anyone to take an active role in producing their own food. From caring for chickens to collecting eggs, raising poultry is an enriching experience that helps people feel more connected to the food they consume.

It is not only satisfying, but also creates responsibility, enhances lawn and soil quality, improves mental health, and perhaps most appealing, produces homegrown food that a poultry owner controls.

"People may be surprised by what they can do at home if they want to cultivate their own produce or feel connected to where their food comes from," explained Tiffany Denton, poultry supplies buyer for Tractor Supply.

"By keeping backyard chickens, people can embrace this lifestyle no matter where they live, reaping many physical and mental benefits," she says, "and when it comes down to it, nothing beats a fresh egg right from your backyard."

For those new to owning chickens, Tractor Supply is hosting its Spring Chick Days Event at stores nationwide through the end of April. The 10-week springtime event features live baby chicks and ducklings along with the supplies needed to begin or grow a backyard flock.

In addition to providing the tools and equipment to those ready to raise their own birds, Tractor Supply also serves as a great poultry resource, offering guidance ranging from proper handling to the importance of hygiene to ensure the safety of people and their flock.



people can take an active role in producing their own food, one way to do that is by raising backyard poultry. In an effort to help, a spring chick days event is being held now through the end of April at tractor supply stores nationwide.

In select states, customers can purchase a minimum of four chicks with the flexibility to mix and match with ducklings. Tractor Supply offers a variety of breeds, from Rhode Island Reds and Saphires to Easter Eggers and Silkies Chickens.

In addition to purchasing chicks and ducks in-store, Tractor's Chick Days features a one-stop shop for all the items needed to begin the process, including quality feed ranging from conventional to organic, bedding, feeders, drinkers, heat lamps, cages, coops and more, along with the guidance of expert Tractor Supply team members.

Outside of Chick Days, Tractor Supply stores are stocked year-round with the items needed to properly raise and care for backyard poultry. Enthusiasts can visit [TractorSupply.com/poultry](https://www.tractorsupply.com/poultry) to shop an expanded selection and year-round availability of poultry products and live birds.

Visit [TractorSupply.com/chicks](https://www.tractorsupply.com/chicks) for Chick Days event information, expert tips on safe handling and care for poultry, building a chicken coop, and more. Backyard poultry rules and regulations vary by city, county and state, so check with the local government before purchasing.

Learn more about chick and duckling arrivals at Tractor Supply by visiting the local store at 628 North Main St., Ephraim, or call (435) 283-7550. About Tractor Supply Co.

Tractor Supply Company (NASDAQ: TSCN), the largest rural lifestyle retailer in the United States, has been passionate about serving the unique needs, as a one-stop shop for recreational farmers, ranchers and all those who enjoy living the rural lifestyle, for more than 80 years.

Tractor Supply offers an extensive mix of products necessary to care for horses, land, pets and animals with a focus on product localization, exclusive brands and legendary customer service that addresses the needs of the Out Here lifestyle.

With more than 28,000 team members, the Company leverages its physical store assets with digital capabilities to offer customers the convenience of purchasing products they need anytime, anywhere and any way they choose at the everyday low prices they deserve. At Sept. 29, 2018, the Company operated 1,748 Tractor Supply stores in 49 states and an e-commerce website.

For more information, visit www.tractorsupply.com.

Tractor Supply Company also owns and operates PetSmart, a small-but-pet specialty supply retailer focused on meeting the needs of pet owners, primarily in small and mid-size communities, and offering a variety of pet products and services. At September 29, 2018, the Company operated 181 PetSmart stores in 27 states.

For more information on PetSmart, visit www.petsmart.com.

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MP watershed project meeting set April 11

MT. PLEASANT — The public is invited to attend, discuss and submit a comment during a public scoping open house regarding proposed improvements within the Mt. Pleasant Watershed from 6 – 8 p.m., Thursday, April 11, in the North Sanpete High School Auditorium, 390 East 700 South, Mt. Pleasant. The formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance of Mt. Pleasant City, Pleasant Creek Irrigation and Twin Creek Irrigation as the



A public scoping open house regarding proposed improvements to the Mt. Pleasant watershed will be held from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 11, in the North Sanpete High School Auditorium, 390 East 700 South, Mt. Pleasant. All residents are encouraged to attend, discuss and submit comments about the proposed changes.

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project sponsors, is proposing improvements within the Mt. Pleasant Watershed.

Several improvements are being proposed:

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MP watershed project meeting set April 11

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To: Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Mt. Pleasant Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment, Sanpete County, Utah

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) proposes a project sponsored by Mt. Pleasant City to use Federal funds to rehabilitate and add storage to the Upper Debris Basin, to decommission the Lower Debris Basin for the Pleasant Creek Drainage, and to develop the Mt. Pleasant Agriculture and Residential Secondary Water Project in Sanpete County, Utah. Mt. Pleasant is a rural community in central Utah situated on an alluvial fan at the base of the Pleasant Creek Drainage.

Mt. Pleasant City faces severe flooding risk due to potential heavy precipitation events and/or heavy spring runoff in the Pleasant Creek Drainage as evidenced by current and historical floodplain mapping by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Compounding this risk is the age and condition of the Upper and Lower Debris Basins which currently exceed their usable life. This project is necessary to increase flood protection to the residents, homes, businesses, roadways, city infrastructure, and agricultural lands of Mt. Pleasant City. A cost/benefit analysis has demonstrated that this project would provide a damage reduction of at least \$49 million, should a large flood event occur.

In addition to flood protection, this project would improve the existing residential and agricultural irrigation delivery system. The current system is aging and requires significant effort to maintain flow during the irrigation season. Continued growth and development in Mt. Pleasant has increased demand for irrigation water, further straining the system and creating conflict within the community. This project would upgrade the existing irrigation systems and create separate delivery systems for residential and agricultural users.

The proposed project would be located in Mt. Pleasant City, Utah (see attached project location exhibit). Construction is estimated for a two-year period from October 2020 to April 2022, pending environmental approval. Construction activities associated with the irrigation system would occur each year from October 1 to April 30, outside of the typical irrigation season.

NRCS will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) NEPA implementing regulations. This EA will analyze the potential impacts of the Proposed Project. As required by the NEPA implementing regulations, if potentially significant impacts to the human environment are identified, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared. If no significant impacts are identified, the NRCS will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

This letter begins the process of preparing the aforementioned EA. Its purpose is to give notice of the proposed action, and to invite interested parties to comment on the EA's scope of analysis, or raise specific issues that they feel should be analyzed in the EA. This letter is being sent to municipalities, organizations, and agencies, which might have interest in the Proposed Project.

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Water Resources Coordinator

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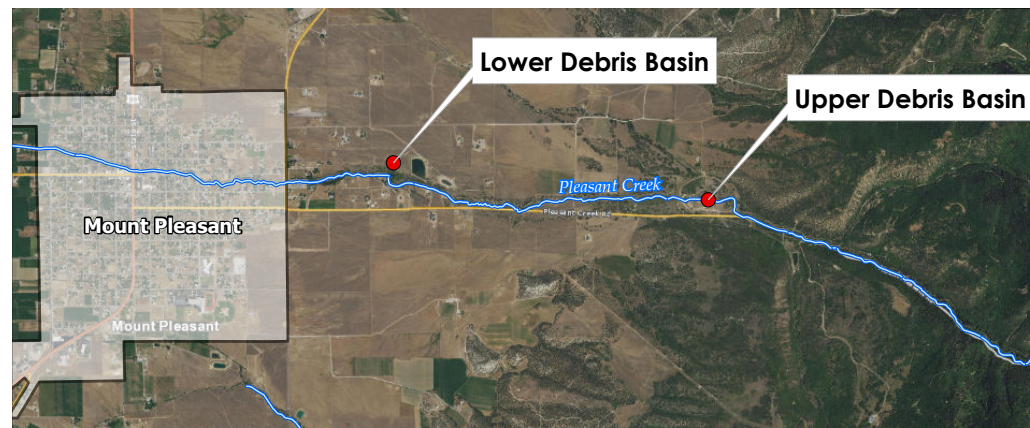
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Appendix B – Scoping Meeting Materials

- Scoping Meeting Presentation Slides
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- Scoping Meeting Sign-In Sheet
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April 11, 2019
6 - 8 p.m.



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WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

NRCS Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program helps units of federal, state, local and tribal governments protect and restore watersheds. The program provides financial and technical assistance for erosion and sediment control, watershed protection, flood prevention, water quality improvement, water management, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, recreation and hydropower.

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Mount Pleasant City, Pleasant Creek Irrigation, and Twin Creek Irrigation have received funding from NRCS's Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program to evaluate improvements that include the rehabilitation of the Upper Debris Basin to provide long-term storage for agricultural users, Mt. Pleasant City, and water for wildfire firefighting; the evaluation of eliminating the Lower Debris Basin; the separation of agricultural and residential user's water delivery systems; and the replacement of the city's secondary water system. Improvements under consideration will address flood protection, watershed protection, and agriculture water management.

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CURRENT ISSUES

Secondary Water System

- Aging system (35+ years old, requires increased maintenance)
- Failing pipes cause numerous leaks every year
- System is located in residential backyards outside of the City's right-of-way
- Inability to access system lengthens repair times and complicates ongoing maintenance

Combined Agricultural & Residential Secondary Systems

- Shared common reservoir for both systems
- Difficult to monitor water distributions across the two systems

Flood Protection

- Existing debris basin is at capacity and has no room to collect and store floodwaters

Long-Term Storage

- No long-term seasonal water storage
- Water availability is determined by the annual snowpack and climate conditions
- Water rationing starts earlier in the water season due to lack of storage

PROJECT GOALS

- Replace secondary water system
- Separate agricultural and secondary systems
- Provide flood protection for the City
- Create long-term storage for seasonal flows

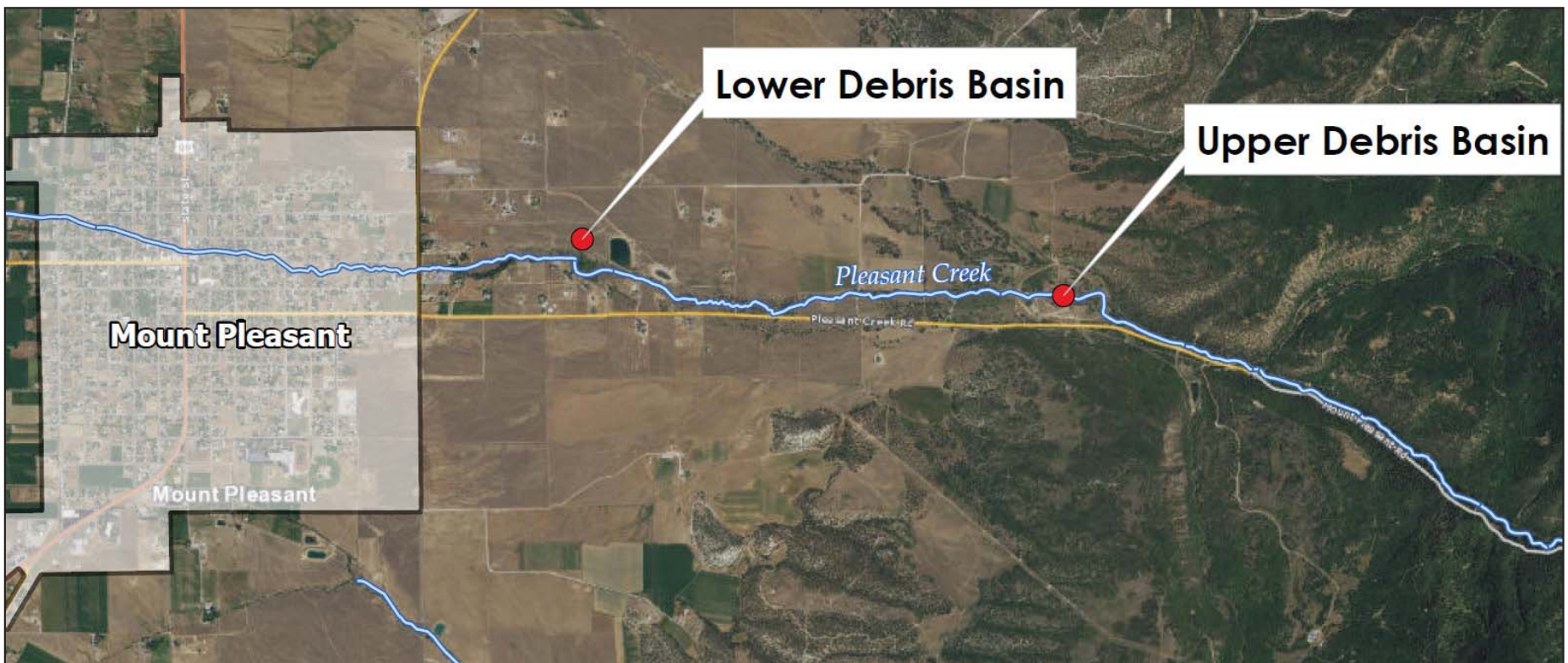
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PROJECT AREA





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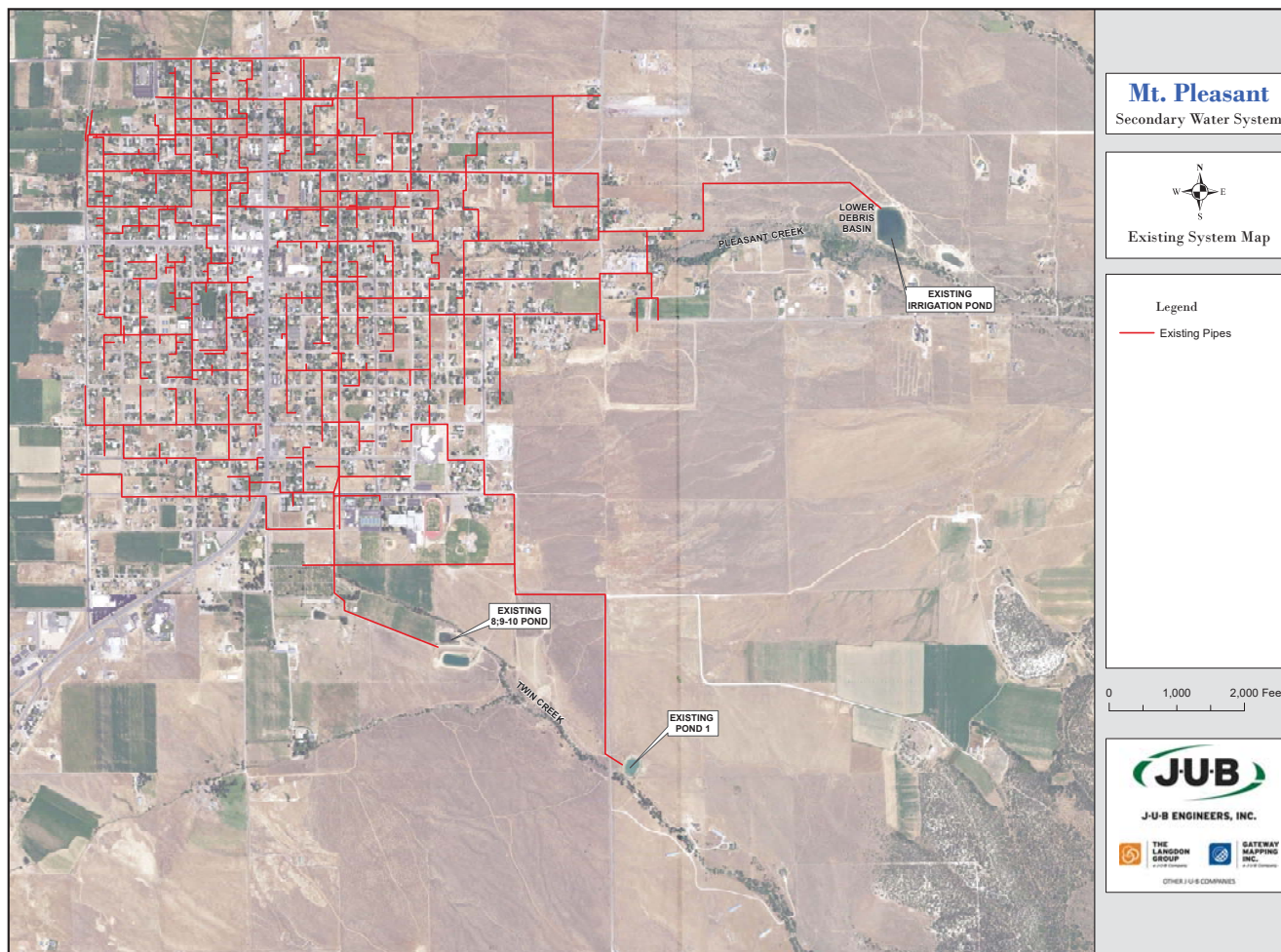


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EXISTING SECONDARY WATER SYSTEM





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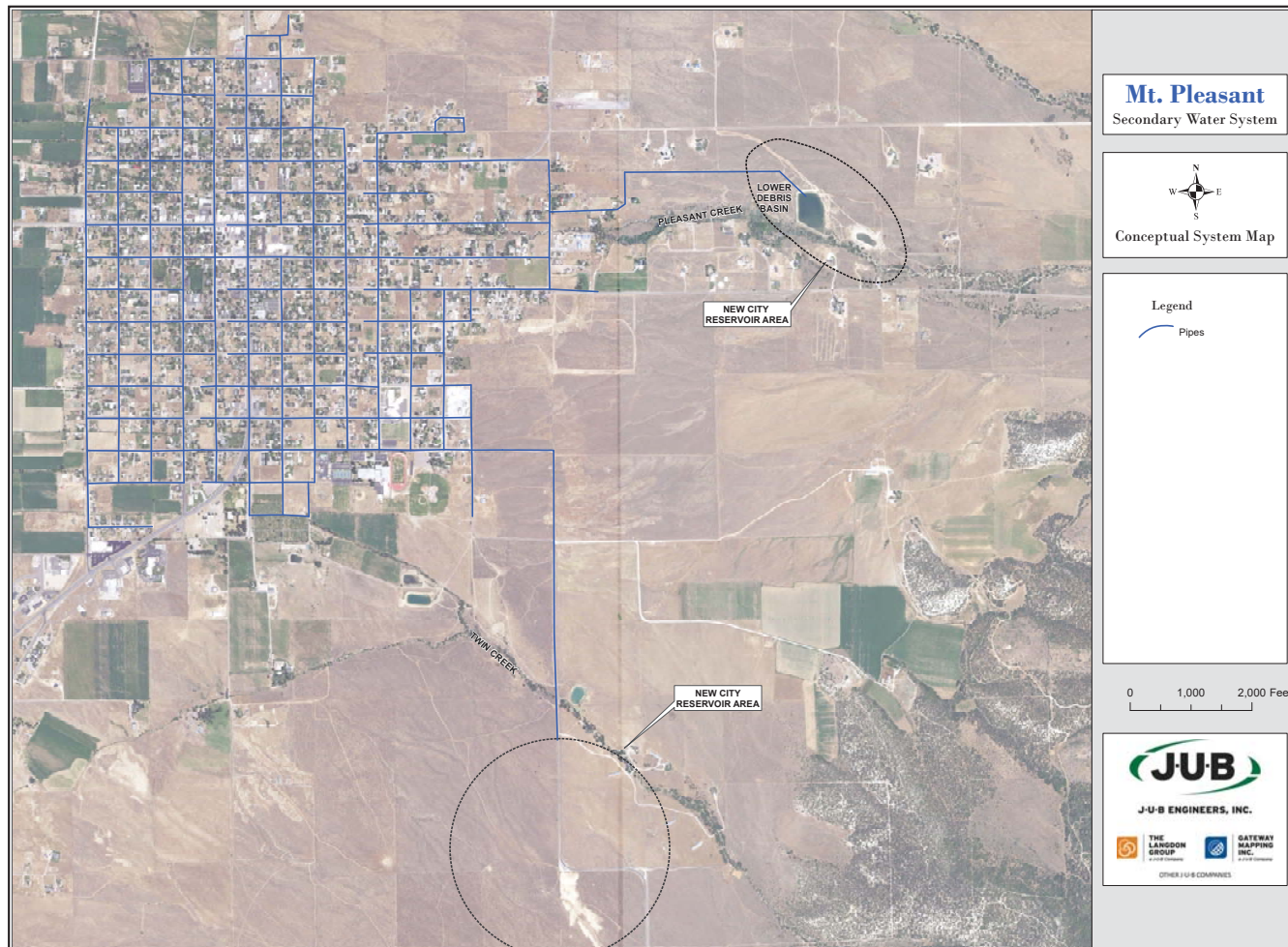
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PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN





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NEPA PROCESS

Initiate Environmental Assessment

- Develop project purpose & need
- Conduct agency & public scoping
- Collect baseline data
- Alternative development

Collect Data

- Analyze existing conditions
- Identify needed resource surveys
- Agency consultation & coordination

Analyze Alternatives

- Analyze alternatives
- Evaluate potential impacts to environmental resources

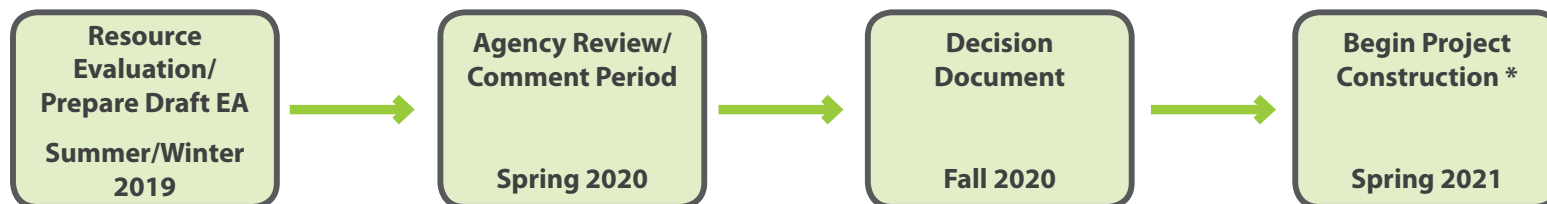
Draft Environmental Assessment

- Release Draft EA to public for review and comment
- Review all public and agency comments
- Prepare Final EA

Decision Document

- NRCS will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact or recommend an Environmental Impact Statement

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE



*(pending environmental approval)



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HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Mt. Pleasant Watershed Plan Study Team is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the proposed study. Please use one of the following methods to contact the study team and share your input.

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- Take a comment card home and return it to the address indicated.
- Take a comment card home for friends and family to complete.
- Schedule a one-on-one meeting with a study team member.
- Email the study team at email@mtpwatershed.com

Public involvement is an important part of the Environmental Assessment. If you would like a response to your comment, please indicate that on your comment and a member of our study team will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your participation.

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Comment #: 1

Date: 4/9/2019

Source: Email

Name: Jeff and Angela Spratt

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

Questions Comments Mt Pleasant watershed

Due to the 1983 flood Mount Pleasant creek turned into a canyon. Now this canyon is dry with no value to our property, it divides our property in half no longer allowing us access to our pasture land. What can be done about this, can it be filled in with or without the addition of a culvert? How can we address this situation?

Comment #: 2

Date: 4/11/2019

Source: Open House Comment

Name: Robin Clifford

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Robin submitted a comment card at the public scoping meeting which can be found on the next page.>



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Comments How long may the Project take?
What might be any negatives?

- What Ponds are the on secondary water?
How will this positive or negative affect when - Res & AGG
will be Separated. • How will that affect the
100 acre Ditch? Will it be Separated?

Will any of this movement, affect current Shares to
add or Separate more or less shares?? Buy out
those NO longer Needed or unable to Redeem,

Comment #: 3

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Name: Robert Bingham

Location: Fairview

Comments:

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RANGE THAT IS CURRENTLY SITUATED IN THE DIVERSION AREA.
IF THAT AREA WILL SOON BECOME A POND, WHERE CAN THE RANGE
BE MOVED TO. AREAS SUITABLE ARE FEW AND THE PUBLIC WILL
BE LOOKING FOR A SAFE LOCATION.
I'VE HEARD ONE MT. PLEASANT COUNCILMAN HAS STATED THAT IT'S
JUST A DUMPING GROUND FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE THEIR JUNK TO SHOOT
IT UP, AND THAT IS PARTIALLY TRUE. BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE SHOOTING
PUBLIC RESPECT THE AREA AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES. WE ARE
ALSO ANGERED BY THE MESS BUT ARE POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING TO
STOP IT.

Comment #: 4

Date: 4/11/2019

Source: Open House Comment

Name: Neal and Penny Lusk

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Neal submitted a comment card at the public scoping meeting which can be found on the next page.>



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Name

Neal Lusk

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City

mt Pleasant

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84647

Email



ncfoo64@hotmail.com

Phone

435-851-3169

Comments

wondering about whether the "fishing pond"
Lower ~~debris~~ pond is going to stay for
family fishing it is an important Pastime
~~for it~~ for the community

Comment #: 5

Date: 4/11/2019

Source: Open House Comment

Name: Neal and Penny Lusk

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Penny submitted a comment card at the public scoping meeting which can be found on the next page.>



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Name Penny Lusk
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Comments I would like ~~to~~ to see the Lower Basin kept
as a recreational area for fishing & family time.
I am in agreement of 2 separate systems.

Comment #: 6

Date: 4/11/2019

Source: Open House Comment

Name: Ed and Sara Staker

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Ed and Sara submitted a comment card at the public scoping meeting which can be found on the next page.>



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Name Ed + Sara Staker
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Comments

Will the present lower debris basin be made
larger? We would like this made bigger.

We really like the proposals! We support this.

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Comment #: 7

Date: 4/11/2019

Source: Open House Comment

Name: Elizabeth and Jeffrey Tanner

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Elizabeth and Jeffrey submitted a comment card at the public scoping meeting which can be found on the next page.>



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Name Elizabeth & Jeffrey Tanner
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Comments ~~is~~ Concerns have been raised that this project will increase the water rates for culinary & irrigation water significantly. ~~Will we~~ Will this undermine the Narrows project?

Perhaps this is

I don't think redoing the water lines to the streets - leaving up the streets for two years is going to be a great thing. Once you take out the water lines in the back yards then you charge

for every drop of water

Comment #: 8

Date: 4/12/2019

Source: Mailed In

Name: Wesley & Kathleen Jenson

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Kathleen sent a comment card via mail which can be found on the next page.>



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Name Kathleen Jensen

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Comments I am happy to see that you plan to divide the residential & agricultural systems with a pond for each group. Some concerns I have are:

- 1- Northeast part of town there are few streets running north & south, lines will still need to go through backyards.
- 2- Currently water pressure in system fluctuates wildly.
- 3- Will system be divided into loops as it is now?
- 4- Some people currently have more than one riser on their property - will these be metered separately
5. We have another piece of property adjacent to our residential lot with the 2nd riser covering that property

Comment #: 9**Date:** 4/13/2019**Source:** Email**Name:** Garry King**Location:****Comments:**

Watershed plan (or complete lack of)

As a new property owner, I find the current state of watershed development in Mount Pleasant appalling. Located in a semi arid / desert valley, Mount Pleasant is prone to periodic prolonged drought. Current water supply storage appears to rely on very old infrastructure designed to store little more than annual snow melt. In an area that has historically experienced decade long drought, water storage should be developed to offset prolonged, multi year low precipitation events. Unfortunately, city government appears to have prioritized the relentless pursuit of grant funds for "glamour" projects that almost always require matching funds from local taxes while critical infrastructure is ignored.

Conservation has never prevented a drought. Nor has it ever mitigated one. The city should immediately implement plans to store minimum of a five year supply of water and encourage individual rain water storage by its businesses and residents. That plan must include systematic process for expansion as the population inevitably grows. It needs to be done within current means regardless of federal funds available. That means city government will need to go back to focusing on the basics of providing critical services.

How city government will deal with this issue will weigh heavily in my final decision to build a home or relocate my business to Mount Pleasant. While I prefer Mount Pleasant property taxes are already much higher here than to the east of the mountains. If the city continues to focus on paving new walkways and putting up new public buildings while its tiny pond runs dry and its streets crumble, I think I will sell my property and settle over the hill instead.

Comment #: 10

Date: 4/15/2019

Source: Email

Name: Blake Crozier

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

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To Whom it May Concern,

I attended the presentation/meeting at the North Sanpete High School on April 11 2019 regarding the Mt Pleasant Watershed Project. During that meeting I was able to review the information provided and talk to many of the personnel involved in the planning process. I want to say that I am happy to see there is an effort being made to improve the secondary water storage and delivery systems for the community. I can personally attest to the need of an updated system as I have lived in a couple different places within Mt Pleasant city and have had access to the secondary system in one location but not the other, even though they were only a block apart.

I also know that due to the current system not being monitored there are many who abuse the privilege by watering more than is needed especially when there are restrictions in place. Ultimately the value of having a new system that can be monitored, allows for more storage and access to all is huge.

I have been involved in constructing and benefited from water storage and distribution systems in other parts of Utah. Each of those project have proved to be a great benefit to all people even when many may have been opposed. In the cases of the opposition it is most commonly that they are not well informed of the issues or the benefits.

I do hope that this project can move forward and create a better managed system for such a valuable resource. Please consider me to be an ally to this project and I would love to receive further information, as well as do anything to help.

Regards,
Blake Crozier
Citizen of Mt Pleasant City

Comment #: 11

Date: 4/16/2019

Source: Mailed In

Name: David Burton

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<David sent a comment card via mail which can be found on the next page.>



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Name David B Burton
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Comments I Have Water Shares ON Hiland Irrigation
Company, The Water Comes Down Pleasant Creek
With your proposed PLAN What Happens
to this water AND our open Ditch R.O.W.

Waiting For your Comments

David B Burton

If you Have A Impact Study I Would Like To See IT

Comment #: 12

Date: 4/17/2019

Source: Mailed In

Name: Jeff and Angela Spratt

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Jeff and Angela sent three comment cards via mail which can be found on the next pages.>



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Name JEFF SPRATT
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Comments THE UPPER BASIN, COULD IT BE INCORPORATED WITH THE
POWER PLANT PARK WITH WALKS AND TRAILS ALONG THE CREEK
FROM THE RESERVOIR TO THE POWER PLANT?
THE UPPER AND LOWER BASIN COULD HAVE THEIR OWN THEMES
ONE COULD BE EQUESTRIAN THEMED, THE OTHER COULD BE MOUNTAIN
BIKE / DIRT BIKE THEMED. BOTH WITH FISHING, FRISBEE GOLF,
DRONE FLIGHT COURSE, ETC.



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Name Jeff + Angela Spratt

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Comments Can it be incorporated into the project that the
upper and low basin be connected with a trail
that can be utilized as a walking, jogging, cycling,
bridal path/ect.

Can the 40 acres that the lower basin resides, be
transformed into a park and increase the volume
of the ponds? Could this park also incorporate
RV/camping sites?



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Comments Is There Any Way That The Project could assist land owners to circumnavigate the Mount Pleasant Canyon creek which separates their property?

Comment #: 13

Date: 4/18/2019

Source: Email

Name: Jeff and Angela Spratt

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

Comments

Has there been a website setup so we can visit and keep abreast of current events concerning the watershed project and possibly add our comments and concerns?

Comment #: 14

Date: 4/22/2019

Source: Mailed In

Name: Judy Prentice

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Judy sent a comment card via mail which can be found on the next page.>



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Name Judy Prentice
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Comments I would like to see the lower basin
used as it has been for years, a place for
families to go fishing.

I also agree with separate water systems.

Comment #: 15

Date: 4/22/2019

Source: Mailed In

Name: Barry Draper

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Barry sent four comment cards via mail which can be found on the next pages.>



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Name Barry Draper
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Email _____ Phone 435-262-0339

Comments Years Ago. LAND OWNERS with water Rights
payed A Fee for a connection to a new Irrigation System to Their
properties. This new System was to be more EFFICIENT.
1) The people with water rights had a set water turn. more EFFICIENT?
2) With the new system trees in town died. Old WALNUT trees that had
been here for many years.
3) Here we go again People that never had water rights on
their property or a memory of how it WAS. are going to make it
more EFFICIENT?
Stop this now!



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Comments According to Mt. Pleasant, UT city ordinance
NO. 2011-05 City Code section 8-2-4.

Preserized irrigation is only available to residents of
the city who are currently lawfully connected to
the irrigation system, or in accordance with
section 8-2-2.

It is forbidden by law to be an accomplice to
Mt. Pleasants illegal water distribution. This project
must be terminated.



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Comments According to Mt Pleasant Ut city ordinance
NO. 2011-05 City Code Section 8-2-2
.... Effective July 1, 2011, the city will no longer allow
new connections to the irrigation system unless the
person who is a resident of the city applying for
the irrigation connection can provide a share of
irrigation water which is usable to Mt. Pleasant City,
at the cities discretion.

It is illegal for the government to assist Mt. Pleasant to
do this illegal act. This project should be terminated.



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Name Barry Draper
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Comments Years ago, landowners with water rights
payed a fee for a connection to a new
irrigation system to their properties. This new
system was to be more EFFICIENT. Now with
severe water rationing Mt. Pleasant wants to
disperse this water over a larger area with no
addition water Shares. This project will not give
Mt Pleasant more than their present water Shares.

Comment #: 16

Date: 4/23/2019

Source: Mailed In

Name: Wesley & Kathleen Jenson

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

<Wesley sent a comment card via mail which can be found on the next page.>



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Name Wesley J Jensen

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Comments Turning the upper flood dam into a holding pond for extra water is a good idea. Separating the farmers from the City with both having their own holding pond also a good idea. I do have concerns about digging up every body's yards, including mine, why not replace the valves and put in pressure reducers as needed. the line should be fine where not disturbed. Why spend money on doing away with lower flood dam? Would it not be a good idea to just fix it up and clean it up, so it could be used if needed? What about the cost??? No one has said anything about the cost!!! How will we water our yards when the replacement is being put in? No one has said anything about that.

Comment #: 17

Date: 4/24/2019

Source: Email

Name: Chris Long

Location: Mt. Pleasant

Comments:

attn marcus Murdoc

Hello there Marc I have a couple of questions about the up coming water project.

Question #1 How will the small farms inside mt. pleasant city limits be getting there irrigation water replaced ? will it be a 3 inch line like we have now ? To some of us that is very important , cause even tho we are small farms it is still part of our lively hood, and we have already paid for this usage and our systems at our properties. and have an engineered system already set up and have been in use for the last 15 years. Question 2 will we be charged some what close to what we are paying now ? I have no problem paying a little bit more for a more reliable and fair water system that can deliver us water to us paying costumers all the summer months. question 4 with the upper flood dam getting re worked to hold water as storage and the lower basin removed will all of us here down stream home owners insurance go up ? I use to work for mt. pleasant city and know the structures were built to protect the infastructure of our town. so how will this system be replaced?

please email me back the answers to all my question @ cdwlong7@yahoo.com or clong@utah.gov. or call me at 435 851 5600 I live here at 579 east 200 north mt. pleasant . also I am asking the questions for some of my neighbors as well . thanks for your time sincerely Chris Long.