

Appendix A. Comments and Responses

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Subject: North Ogden Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment, Weber County, Utah

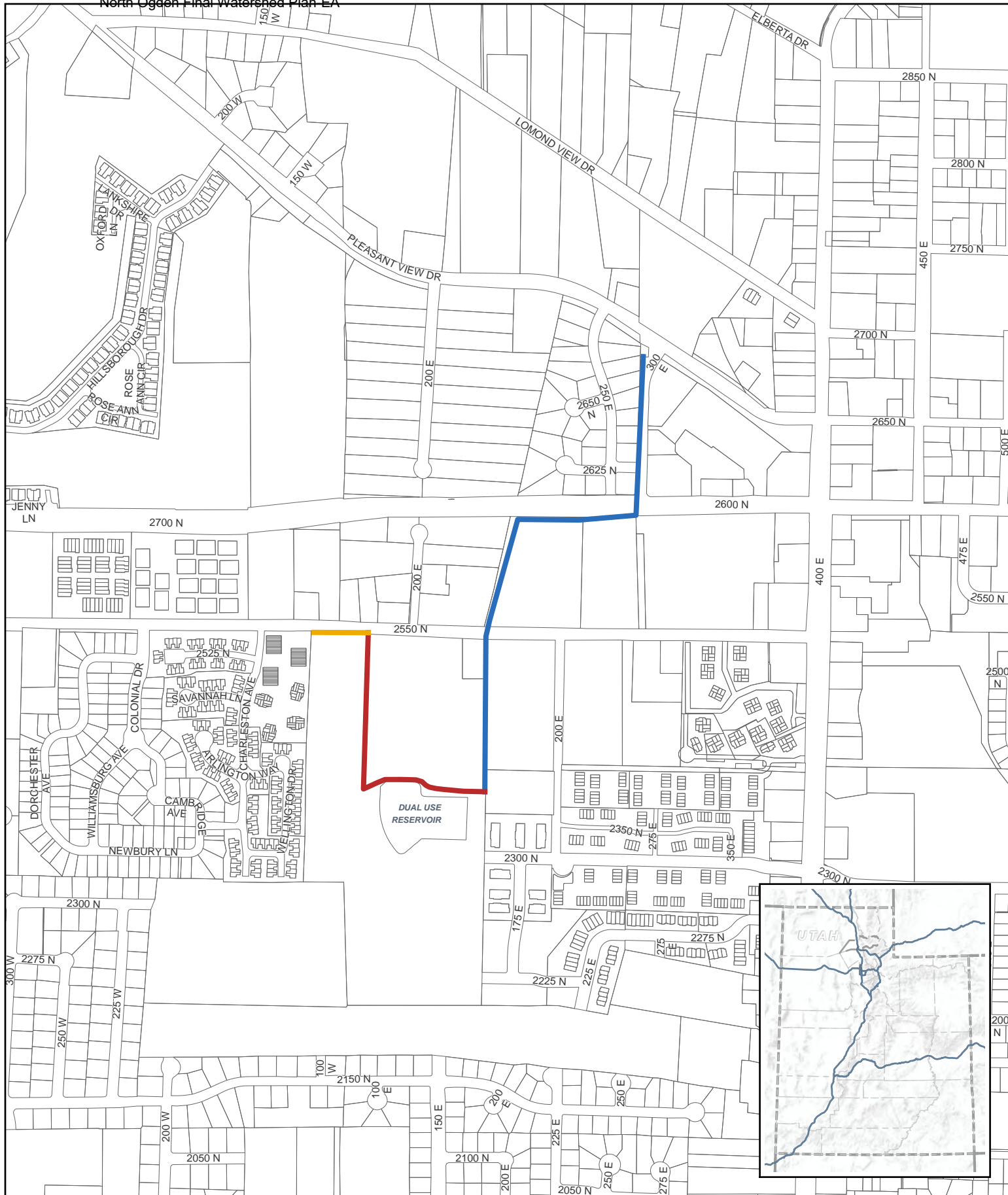
The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) proposes a project sponsored by the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District (WBECD) and North Ogden City to use Federal funds to construct a detention basin, storm drain piping, irrigation reservoir, pump station, and community recreation facilities. The project would provide a 14 acre-foot reservoir that would be used for irrigation regulation and a 22 acre-ft detention basin that would be used for recreation and flood storage capacity. The irrigation water regulated through the basin and pump system will serve portions of North Ogden City, Pleasant View City, and Harrisville City, covering an area of approximately 2,900 acres. The recreational components of the facility would provide the surrounding area with access to an open waterfront complete with restrooms, shelters, picnic areas, walking paths, beach areas, rinse stations, and 62 parking stalls. The proposed watershed measures would help to meet the purpose and need of the project by improving management of irrigation water allocated by the WBECD and providing flood damage risk reduction for approximately 2,200 residences.

The proposed project would be located in North Ogden City, Utah (see attached project location exhibit). Construction is estimated for a two-year period from October 2019 to April 2021, pending environmental approval. Construction activities would occur each year from October 1 to April 31, 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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North Ogden, Utah

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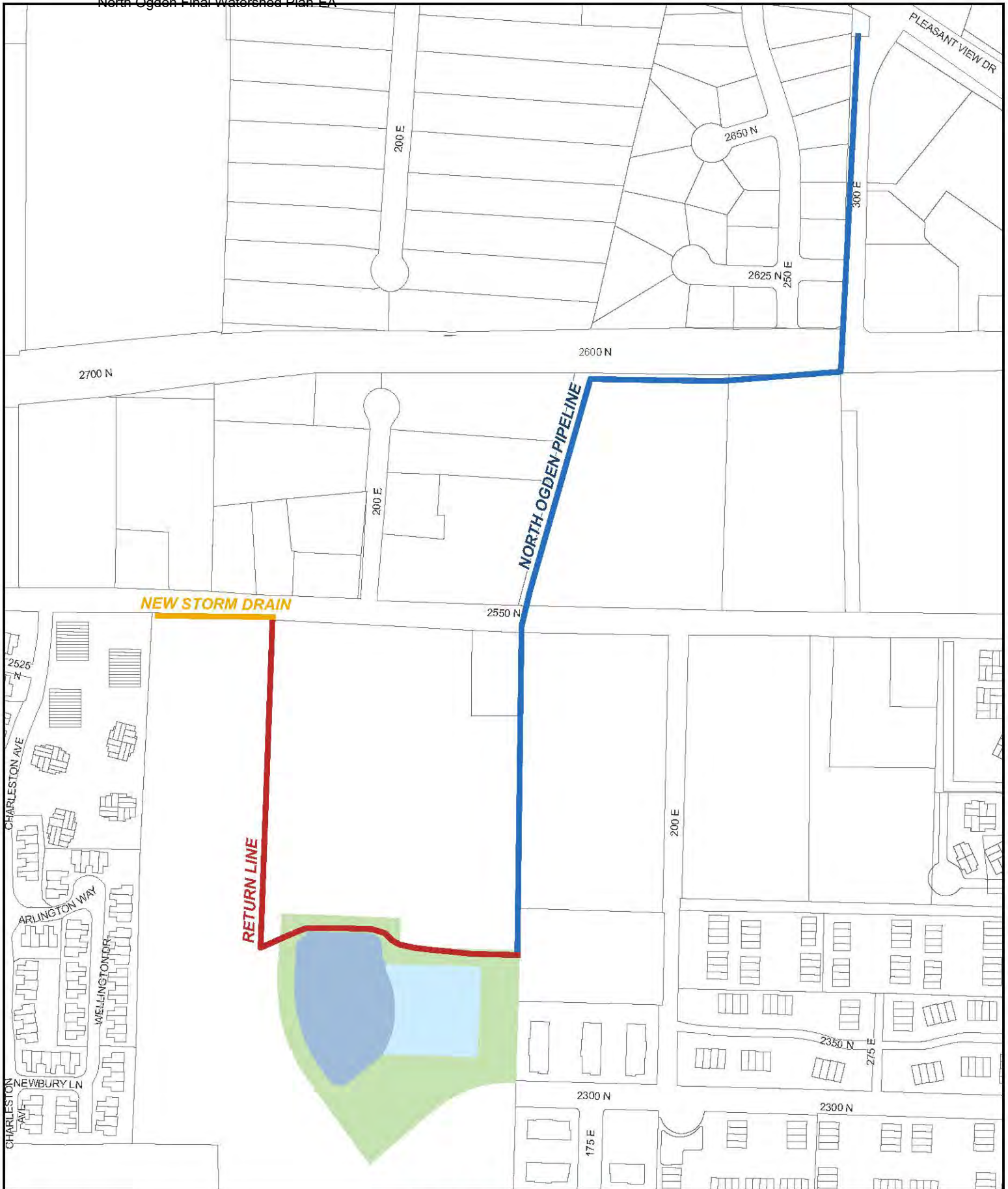


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Attachments: TriValleyU21HY0435.pdf
 NorthOgden_U18HY0904.pdf

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out about two of the NRCS' watershed projects, one located in the Heber Valley area of Wasatch County (Tri-Valley Watershed Plan-EA), and the other within the city limits of Ogden, Utah in Weber County (North Ogden Watershed Plan-EA). We last mailed consultation letters for the Tri-Valley project in March 2023 with copies of the cultural resources report (attached). This project proposes to pipe portions of the Daniels Irrigation Company open ditch system and abandon portions of the asbestos cement-lined canals. The total APE consists of 63 acres of Private and Municipal land near Daniels, Utah in Heber Valley. Cultural resources identified during survey consist of historic canals and a historic foundation. The pipelines will be placed parallel to the canals and will therefore avoid adverse effects to the canals themselves. Therefore, the NRCS has determined that the project will result in No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties. The Utah SHPO concurred with this determination of effect. Per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), we are reaching back out to Tribes to see if there are any Tribal concerns, TCPS, or other cultural resources that need to be taken into account as we continue in our development of the Plan-EA. In addition, please let us know within 30 days if you concur with our determinations of site eligibility and project effects.

The second project we are reaching out about is the North Ogden Watershed Plan-EA, which consists of the proposed installation of new subsurface storm drains and pipelines, and the construction of a new impoundment reservoir within the city of Ogden. We last mailed consultation letters for this project in 2019 and since that time have continued to work on the EA. The APE totals 8.3 acres of Private and Municipal land and no cultural resources were identified during the cultural resources survey (report attached). As such, the NRCS determined that there would No Historic Properties Affected, and the Utah SHPO concurred. We again want to ensure that all Tribal concerns are addressed per Section 106 of the NHPA, and as such, please let us know within 30 days if you have any concerns, TCPS, or other cultural resources that need to be taken into account as we continue in our development of the Plan-EA. Please also let us know if you concur with our determinations of site eligibility and project effects.

If you have any questions, comments, or need additional information regarding either project, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone. I do understand that you receive a plethora of consultation requests and I would be so appreciative of a response regarding these NRCS projects. Thank you again for your continued involvement and support on all of our projects.

Cheers,

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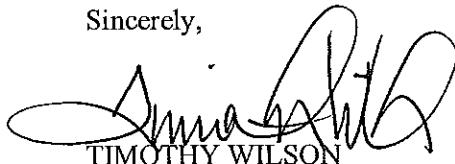
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Call To:	Betsy Chapoose Ute Tribe THPO	Project:	Tri-Valley and North Ogden
Call From:	Tara Hoffmann NRCS Water Resources CRS	Cc:	File
Date:	December 8, 2023		
Subject:	Cultural Resources Consultation		

I spoke with Betsy to ask if the tribe has any cultural resources concerns regarding our Tri-Valley and North Ogden projects involving piping historic canals and constructing a small reservoir (respectively). She said she that she had no concerns and was in the process of preparing response letters for both projects.



Call To:	Patti Timbimboo-Madsen, Cultural Resources NW Band Shoshone	Project:	Tri-Valley and North Ogden
Call From:	Tara Hoffmann NRCS Water Resources CRS	Cc:	File
Date:	December 1, 2023		
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I spoke with Patti to ask if the tribe has any cultural resources concerns regarding our Tri-Valley and North Ogden watershed projects. I gave her an overview of the historic cultural resources that were found and referred her to the email I had sent about a month ago. She asked that I email maps to her so she could look at them and then she would get back to me within the next week. I followed up the phone call with an email including the cultural resources reports, which have maps.

SHPO Concurrence Letter



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For future correspondence, please reference Case No. 19-0036

Dear Mr., Wilson,

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received your request for our comment on the above-referenced undertaking on January 09, 2019. From the information you provided, it appears that no cultural resources were located in the undertaking's Area of Potential Effects. We concur with your determination of No Historic Properties Affected for this undertaking as per §36CFR800.4(d)(1).

This letter serves as our comment on the determinations you have made, within the consultation process specified in §36CFR800.4. If you have questions, please contact me at (801)245-7241 or by email at ehora@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hora
Cultural Compliance Reviewer

Scoping Report

Watershed Plan-EA for the North Ogden Project

Scoping Report Final

Prepared by: J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc.

Prepared for: NRCS Utah

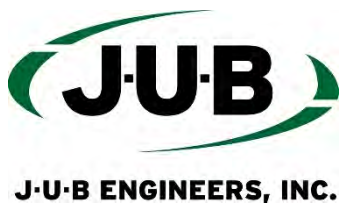


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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with North Ogden City and the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District (WBECD) as the project sponsors, proposes using Federal funds to construct a detention basin, storm drain piping, irrigation reservoir, pump station, and community recreation facilities. The detention basin would be a 22-acre-ft basin with a controlled outlet. The irrigation reservoir would be a 14 acre-ft storage basin, which would supply the pump station. The pump station would consist of three 100 Hp pumps and one 50 Hp pump, which would serve portions of North Ogden City, Pleasant View City, and Harrisville City, covering an area of approximately 2,900 acres. The pump station would be used to meet WBECD's irrigation requirements. Recreation amenities would be included in the construction of the detention basin, which would include 0.5 acres of sandy beach and 2.3 acres of open water recreation area. The facility would provide 62 parking stalls with restroom and bowery amenities.

The North Ogden Watershed Project (Proposed Project) is located in North Ogden City in Weber County, Utah. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and action with input from the public.

The North Ogden Watershed Project (Proposed Project) is being partially funded through the Watershed and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law [PL] 83-566). NRCS, as the lead federal agency, has initiated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis in the form of a Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to analyze impacts to the natural and human environment that could result from this project. The Plan-EA will comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) 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 be comprised of the following elements:

- Alternatives analysis of potential design options that would meet current NRCS engineering performance criteria which may include the following:
 - No Action: The No Action Alternative assumes that the Proposed Project would not occur.
 - Alternative 1: Alternative 1 would address floodwater and irrigation water delivery concerns by constructing a new pipeline to divert flood and irrigation water from the North Ogden Canal to a new retention basin/storage reservoir.
- Detailed analysis of resources with the potential to be impacted by the alternatives that would satisfy the purpose and need for the project.
- Identification of potential mitigation measures that would minimize or eliminate environmental impacts.
- Public participation and government agency coordination through scoping and the development of the Plan-EA.

Public participation is a key component of this project. Those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed alternatives were provided with an opportunity to share concerns and provide input regarding the Plan-EA during the initial stages of the process. This Scoping Report outlines the work performed to involve the local communities through a public information meeting and comment period, and discusses the comments received from interested agencies and the general public during the comment period.

1.1 Project Purpose and Need

USDA-NRCS evaluated the North Ogden Watershed Plan to receive funding under the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO). Under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, WFPO provides for cooperation between the Federal government and the states, or their political subdivisions, for preventing erosion, floodwater and sediment damage, and to further conservation development. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to improve management of irrigation water allocated by the WBECD and provide flood damage risk reduction for approximately 2,200 residences within North Ogden City. As residential and commercial development expands in Weber County, North Ogden City has experienced an increase in flood-related damages because of a diminished capacity to contain and detain floodwater. Additionally, areas with increased development and areas experiencing drought have an increased need for greater efficiency in irrigation-water delivery systems. The Proposed Project would provide flood control during high runoff events and would create an efficient irrigation-water delivery system. The proposed facilities will help mitigate flooding risks to downstream areas that receive water from Slide Canyon, Mountain Water Channel, Willow Springs, Barrett Canyon and Pine Canyon.

1.2 Scoping Goals and Objectives

The goal of public participation and involvement is to initiate communication between a diverse group of public and government agency participants in order to gather input and provide timely information throughout the NEPA process. The primary tasks that accomplish this communication are: 1) establishing ongoing communication with stakeholders, agencies, and the general public, 2) providing information to the public about the environmental review process and each participant's role, and 3) documenting all public and government agency input.

SECTION 2

SCOPING PROCESS SUMMARY

2.0 Scoping Overview

Scoping questions, comments, and concerns about the Proposed Project were requested during the scoping period. The following summarizes the scoping process and efforts made to engage the public, regulatory agencies and other interested parties.

2.1 Scoping Terms

The following terms can be generally used during the scoping process to identify specific actions, when necessary:

- Comment: a distinct statement or question about a topic or issue relating to the project.
- Comment Category: a topic to which a comment is addressed.
- Comment Document: a written version of comment(s) submitted by a commenter. One comment document may contain multiple comments.
- Commenter: an individual, organization or agency providing one or more comments.

2.2 Scoping Schedule

- June 13, 2018: Public Scoping Comment Period Opened
- June 26, 2018: Public Scoping Meeting
- July 13, 2018: Scoping Period Closed

2.3 Scoping Notice

Scoping notices were prepared and sent to interested parties and regulatory agencies. The list of recipients was prepared by NRCS, North Ogden City, and J-U-B Engineers, Inc (J-U-B). The scoping notice gave a description of the Proposed Project, location and overview, and requested public participation and input. The scoping notice also provided details of the scoping meeting, contact information to submit written comments, and the scoping period open and closure dates. The scoping notice was also posted to the NRCS Project Website. Copies of the scoping notices are included within Appendix A. A public meeting announcement was also published announcing the Proposed Project and scoping meeting.

2.4 Scoping Meeting

The primary purpose of scoping meetings is to gather input and feedback on the Proposed Project while providing a description of the potential alternatives and an overview of the NEPA process. The scoping meeting set up the development of the project purpose and need statement, potential alternatives for consideration, environmental resources to be addressed in the EA, methodologies to be used to evaluate impacts, and the overarching public participation process per NEPA regulations. The public scoping meeting was held at the North Ogden City Office Building on June 26, 2018. The meeting included a brief presentation describing the Proposed Project, the Plan-EA schedule, and how to submit comments. Project

team representatives then addressed questions and comments. Meeting materials and display boards that were shared during the meeting can be found in Appendix B.

2.5 Mailing Lists

The mailing list was prepared by NRCS, North Ogden City, and J-U-B to inform the government agencies and general public about the scoping process for the project. A total of 22 mailings were sent to government agencies. In total, 183 mailings were sent to the public, which represent North Ogden City residents and property owners near the Proposed Project. The mailing list was removed to protect privacy.

SECTION 3 COMMENTS

3.0 Comments

The methodology for categorizing and addressing public and agency comments is to identify the nature of the comment and then to separate each of the comments into comment categories. The following categories were created for scoping purposes and are listed below.

- Flood control
- Impacts to private property
- Impacts to wildlife
- Socioeconomic impacts
- Water Quality
- Design features
- NEPA process.

APPENDIX A

SCOPING NOTICES

Scoping Letter

Scoping Flyer

Scoping Notice Mailing List



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To: Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: North Ogden Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment, Weber County, Utah

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) proposes a project sponsored by the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District (WBECD) and North Ogden City to use Federal funds to construct a detention basin, storm drain piping, irrigation reservoir, pump station, and community recreation facilities. The project would provide a 14 acre-foot reservoir that would be used for irrigation regulation and a 22 acre-ft detention basin that would be used for recreation and flood storage capacity. The irrigation water regulated through the basin and pump system will serve portions of North Ogden City, Pleasant View City, and Harrisville City, covering an area of approximately 2,900 acres. The recreational components of the facility would provide the surrounding area with access to an open waterfront complete with restrooms, shelters, picnic areas, walking paths, beach areas, rinse stations, and 62 parking stalls. The proposed watershed measures would help to meet the purpose and need of the project by improving management of irrigation water allocated by the WBECD and providing flood damage risk reduction for approximately 2,200 residences.

The proposed project would be located in North Ogden City, Utah (see attached project location exhibit). Construction is estimated for a two-year period from October 2019 to April 2021, pending environmental approval. Construction activities would occur each year from October 1 to April 31, 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.


TIMOTHY WILSON
State Conservationist



Project Information

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance of the Weber-Box Elder Conservation District (WBECD) and North Ogden City as the project sponsors, is proposing improvements within the North Ogden Watershed. Proposed improvements include a detention basin, an irrigation reservoir, storm drain improvements, an upgraded pump station, and community recreation facilities. Irrigation water regulated through the system would serve portions of North Ogden City, Pleasant View City, and Harrisville City. The facility's recreational components would provide the surrounding area with an open waterfront complete with restrooms, shelters, walking paths, beach areas, and parking. The purpose of the proposed watershed measures would be to:

- 1). Prevent flood damages; and,
- 2). Improve the conservation, utilization and dispersal of water.

An evaluation of potential alternatives and associated environmental impacts is required and will be documented in the form an Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA). NRCS and North Ogden City 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 can be submitted during the open comment period starting June 13, 2018 and ending on July 13, 2018.

Comments must be received by July 13, 2018.

Public Meeting

The public is invited to attend, discuss, and submit a comment during the public open house, which will be held on:

**June 26, 2018 - Tuesday
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

*North Ogden City Office Building
505 E 2600 North
North Ogden City, UT 84414*

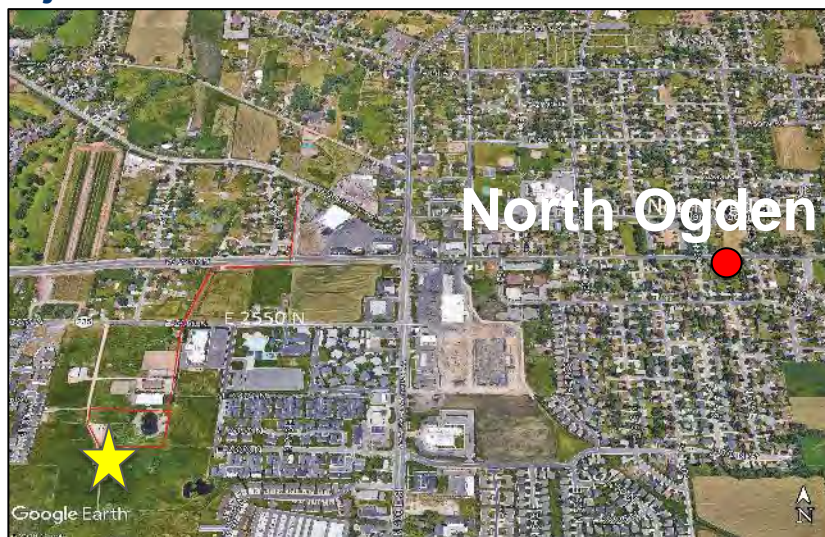
How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to:

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Comments may be mailed or emailed to the above address or submitted during the public scoping meeting. Comments must be received by July 13, 2018.

Project Area Overview



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Dana	Allen	NEPA Compliance Sector Lead	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8	1595 Wynkoop Street	Denver	CO	80202-1129
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Darren	Parry	Chairman	Northwestern Band of Shoshone	707 North Main Street	Brigham City	Utah	84302
Candace	Bear	Chairwoman	Skull Valley Goshutes	407 Skull Valley Road	Skull Valley	Utah	84029
Luke	Duncan	Chairman	Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	PO Box 190	Fort Duchesne	Utah	84026-0190
Other							
Zachary	Frankel	Executive Director	Utah Rivers Council	1055 East 2100 South	Ste 201 Salt Lake City	Utah	84106

APPENDIX B

SCOPING MEETING MATERIALS

Scoping Meeting Display Boards

North Ogden Watershed Plan Project



Welcome to the North Ogden Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment Public Scoping Meeting

*June 26, 2018
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

North Ogden Watershed Plan Project



WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

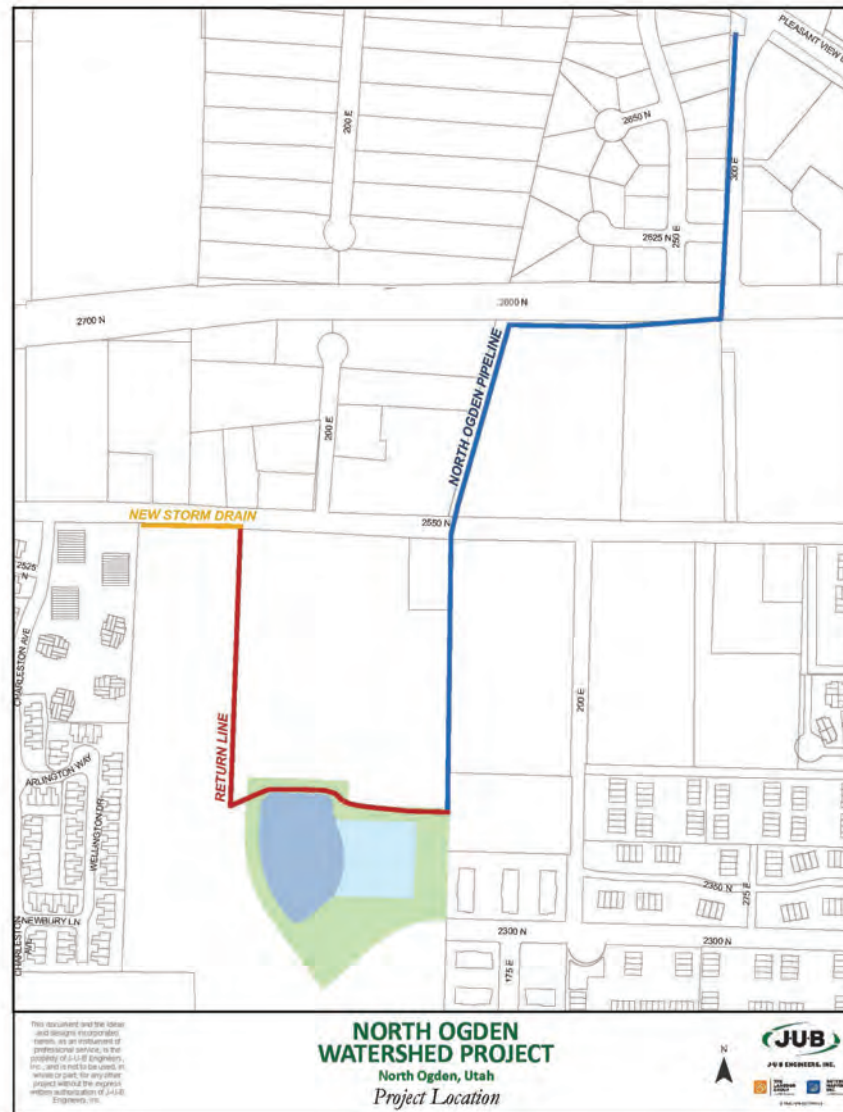
NRCS Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Program

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.

North Ogden Watershed Plan Project

The Weber Box Elder Conservation District and North Ogden City have received funding from the NRCS's Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program to evaluate the proposed construction of a detention basin, storm drain piping, an irrigation reservoir, a pump station and community recreation facilities. The proposed project improvements would improve the management of irrigation water and reduce the risk of flood damage for approximately 2,200 residences. The project would also provide recreational facilities in North Ogden.

North Ogden Watershed Plan Project



North Ogden Watershed Plan Project



THE 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

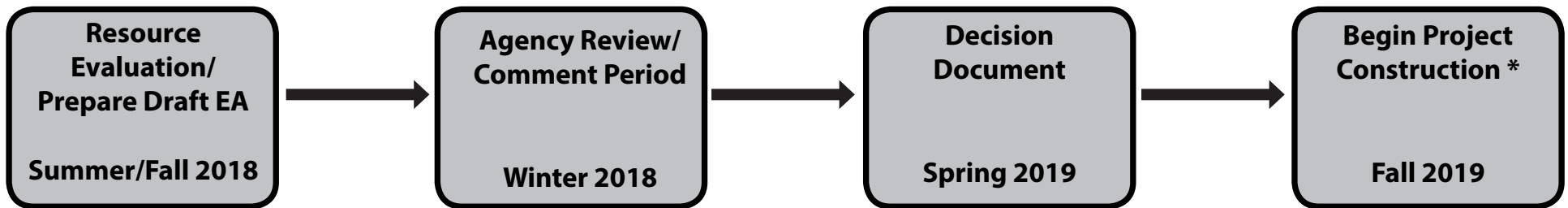
Draft Environmental Assessment

- 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)

North Ogden Watershed Plan Project



HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the North Ogden Watershed Plan Project Team is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project. Please use one of the following methods to contact the project team and share your input.

- Fill out a comment card and leave it in the box provided.
- 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 project team member.
- Email the project team at mhoge@jub.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 project team will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your participation.

North Ogden Watershed Plan Project



PROJECT FUNDING

The following represents the anticipated project costs and potential sources of funding if the proposed project is approved:

Draft EA Public Meeting Notification

North Ogden Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Project - Weber County, Utah

Draft Plan-EA Public Open House



Draft Plan-EA Public Open House

A Public Open House will be held where Project information will be provided and comments solicited for the Project Draft Plan-EA.

Interested parties may voice their comments, ideas and concerns to NRCS, Pineview Water Systems and North Ogden City during this meeting.

You are invited to attend, discuss and submit comments at the public open house:

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

*North Ogden City Office Building,
505 East 2600 North,
North Ogden City*

How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to Andy Neff - The Langdon Group:

466 North 900 West
Kaysville, Utah 84037
(801) 419-9554

aneff@langdongroupinc.com

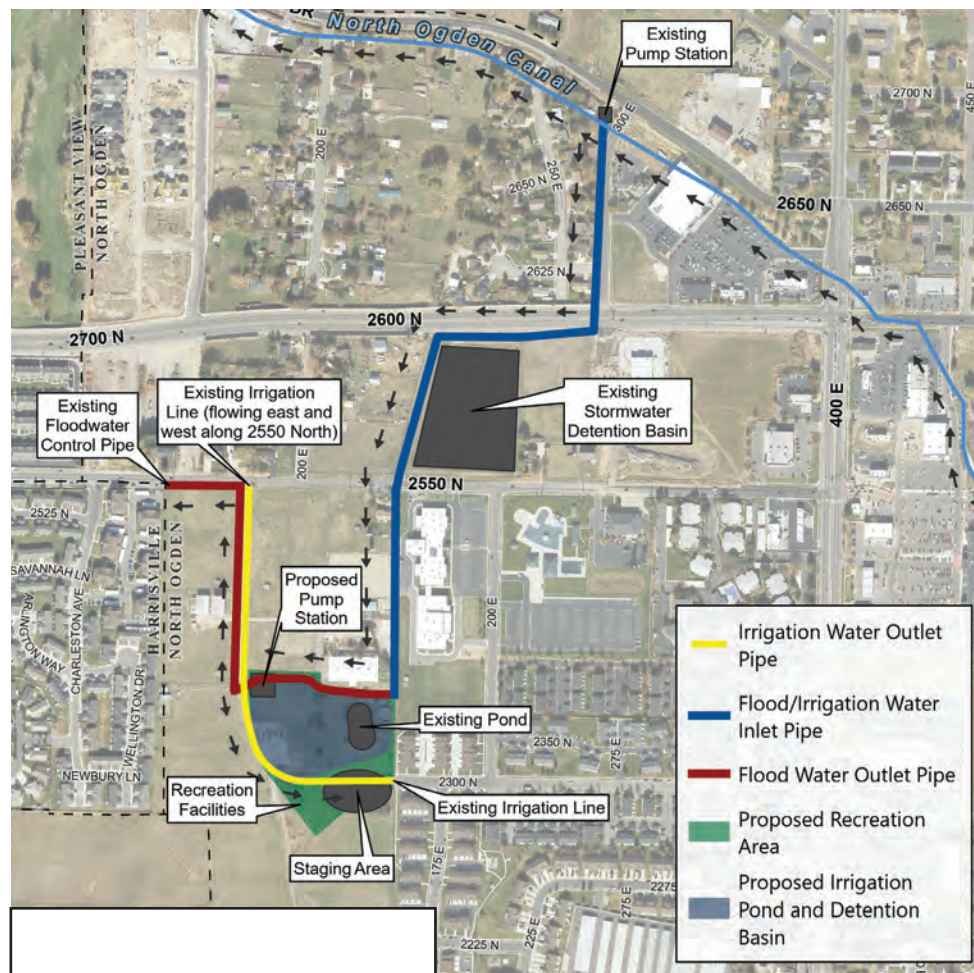
*Comments may be mailed or
emailed to the above address or
submitted during the public open
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance from Pineview Water Systems and North Ogden City as the project sponsors, announces the availability of the Draft Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for the North Ogden Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Project in Weber County, Utah (Project).

The purposes of the Proposed Project are water efficiency, flood control and recreation. The Project addresses irrigation-water delivery and floodwater concerns by creating a storage reservoir and improvements to floodwater conveyance systems to regulate floodwater and to improve irrigation delivery efficiency. The Project would use federal funds to create a 42.5-acre-foot reservoir that would be used for irrigation water management and floodwater detention. The irrigation water regulated through the basin and pump system would serve portions of North Ogden City, Pleasant View City and Harrisville City, covering approximately 2,753 acres. Recreational components of the project may include open space, a walking trail, pavilion with restrooms, playground equipment and a parking area.



Review the Draft Plan-EA and Submit a Comment

A hard copy of the Draft Plan-EA is available for review at the Weber County Library at 475 East 2600 North, North Ogden.

An electronic copy of the Draft Plan-EA can be accessed on the NRCS Project webpage:
www.nrcs.usda.gov/north-ogden-watershed-sponsor-weber-box-elder-conservation-district

NRCS invites you to submit comments anytime during the open comment period starting **July 26, 2023** and ending on **September 8, 2023**. **Comments must be postmarked by September 8, 2023.**



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North Ogden Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Project - Weber County, Utah

Draft Plan-EA Public Open House



Notice of Availability

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

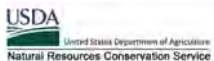
The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Weber-Box Elder Conservation District and North Ogden City announce the availability of the Final Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the North Ogden Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Project (Project) in Weber County, Utah. An electronic copy of the Final Plan-EA and FONSI can be downloaded from the NRCS Project website at:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/north-ogden-watershed-sponsor-weber-box-elder-conservation-district>

Further information may be obtained for this Project by contacting:

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Appendix A

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