WATERSHED PROJECT PLAN SUPPLEMENT NO. 2
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
REHABILITATION OF FLOODWATER RETARDING STRUCTURE #2
ROCK CREEK WATERSHED
BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS
4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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AUTHORITY
Prepared under the Authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, as amended by Section 313 of Public Law 106-472, The Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000, and in accordance with Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, as amended (42 USC 4321 et seq.).

ABSTRACT
This supplemental Plan-EA was developed in response to the request to evaluate rehabilitation alternatives by the project sponsor, the Rock Creek Watershed Joint District 28. RC 2 is currently classified as a Significant Hazard Dam. Currently, Rock Creek Watershed Joint District 28, Floodwater Retarding Dam #2 (RC 2) does not meet the NRCS safety and performance standards for a Significant Hazard Class structure or the Kansas Division of Water Resources (DWR) criteria for a Hazard Class B, Size Class 4 structure. Project benefits include flood control, sediment storage, maintained existing measures for improved downstream water quality, maintained existing and future incidental recreation, maintained land values, and maintained fisheries and wildlife recreational opportunities. RC 2 structural deficiencies need to be addressed to provide continued flood protection of downstream communities, residences, infrastructure, and to meet applicable dam safety criteria. The recommended plan, Rehabilitation to a Low Hazard Class (DWR Class A) Dam with Flood Protection of the At-Risk Dwelling would lower the hazard classification of RC 2 and rehabilitate the structure to current NRCS and DWR Low Hazard Class requirements. The evaluated life of the project is 100 years and the sediment storage life of the structure is, based on recent bathymetric survey, 119 years. The following actions are proposed in the Preferred Alternative: construction of a flood protection wall to protect the at-risk dwelling, stabilization of Rock Creek adjacent to the flood protection wall, replacing the single stage foundation drain outlet with a two stage drain outlet, and extending the principal spillway to cantilever into the plunge pool. Project costs are $227,600 of which $173,200 is proposed to be paid by Public Law 566 funds and $54,400 would be paid by the sponsor. This document is intended to fulfill requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and to be considered for authorization of Public Law 566 funding.

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