

TONGUE RIVER WATERSHED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EA, PUBLIC MEETING, AND FIELD TOUR

Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment and public meeting October 18, 2022, for the Tongue River Watershed Restoration Plan sponsored by the Pembina County Water Resource District.

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces the availability of a Draft Supplemental Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment (Draft Plan-EA) for the Tongue River Watershed Channel Stabilization Project. The Pembina County Water Resource District proposes to stabilize 1.8 miles of severely incised river channel, located in Sections 28 & 29 of T161N, R56W (Beaulieu Township), to halt upstream progression of erosion, the sediment from which is impacting Renwick Reservoir. A natural river channel will be restored through the reach to its original geometry and elevation, reconnected to the floodplain through levee removal, fill/gravel placement, and bioengineered bank protection utilizing large woody debris, boulders, and plantings. Grade control to minimize risk of future incision will be provided by a rock arch rapids structure, buried sheet pile structures, rock cross vanes, and cobble keys in the reconstructed channel. The river channel and floodplain/floodplain hydrology will be restored - reversing the losses of critical fish habitat and mature trees as well as increasing flood water retention. The floodplain will be revegetated with native tree, shrub and herbaceous vegetative plantings. The proposed improvements would be partially funded by NRCS through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (Public Law 83-566).

You are invited to attend a public meeting, followed by a field tour, to provide input on this project:

Date: October 18, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Pembina County Water Resource District Office
308 Courthouse Dr. #5
Cavalier, ND 58220

The meeting may also be accessed virtually:

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