

North Fork Elkhorn River Flood Risk Reduction Plan

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) is working to develop a plan that addresses flooding in the North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed.

The Watershed Plan Will:

- Identify existing flooding problems
- Evaluate potential projects for flood reduction
- Serve as an implementation plan

Why is this an LENRD Project?

LENRD is a local government unit with broad responsibilities to protect natural resources including flood prevention and control.

LENRD has made public and stakeholder engagement a priority of this project.

- LENRD will host three rounds of public meetings, two per NRCS planning phase, and provide opportunities for public input.
- LENRD is assembling a Study Advisory Team (SAT), comprised of individuals from throughout the watershed, to help guide the development of the watershed plan.
- The project team and SAT will provide regular updates to the LENRD Board of Directors.

Funding is provided by the NRCS Watershed and Flood Preventions Operations (WFPO) Program.

Visit jeo.com/north-fork-wfpo or scan the QR code at right with your phone's camera to visit the project website.

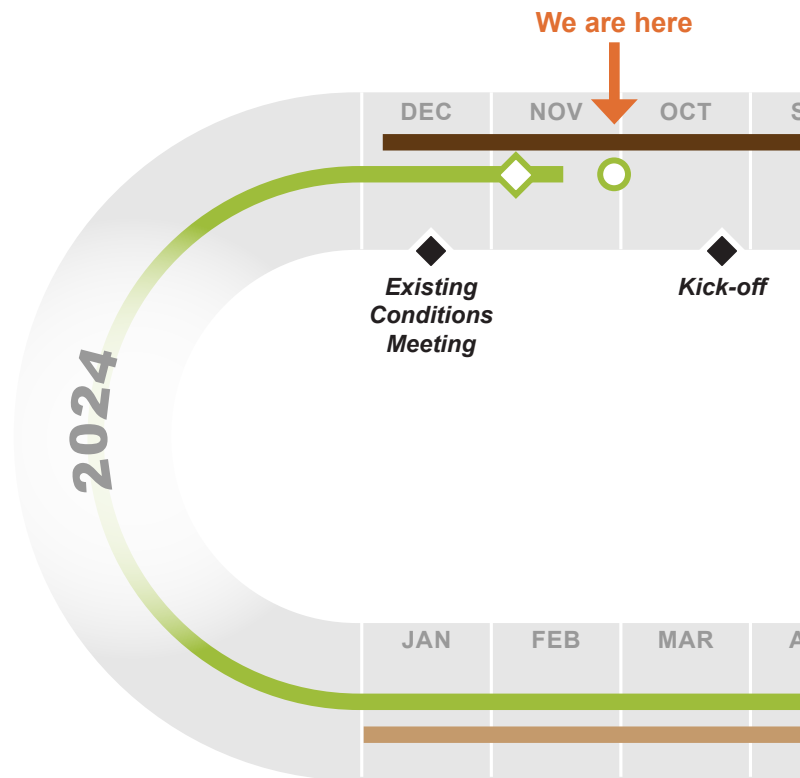


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The project started in fall 2023 and the final plan is scheduled to be completed in early 2025.

The planning process is based on the requirements of the NRCS WFPO program.

- During the **Existing Conditions** phase, the project team will work to develop an understanding of existing flood-related issues and concerns.
- During the **Draft Alternatives** phase, the project team will identify and evaluate potential projects to reduce flood risk.
- During the **Draft Plan** phase, the project team will study the potential flood reduction projects in more detail and develop the draft watershed plan.



We Want Your Input!

The public is invited to share flood-related experiences and concerns within the watershed. Input can be submitted online at jeo.com/north-fork-wfpo or sent to Brianna at block@jeo.com



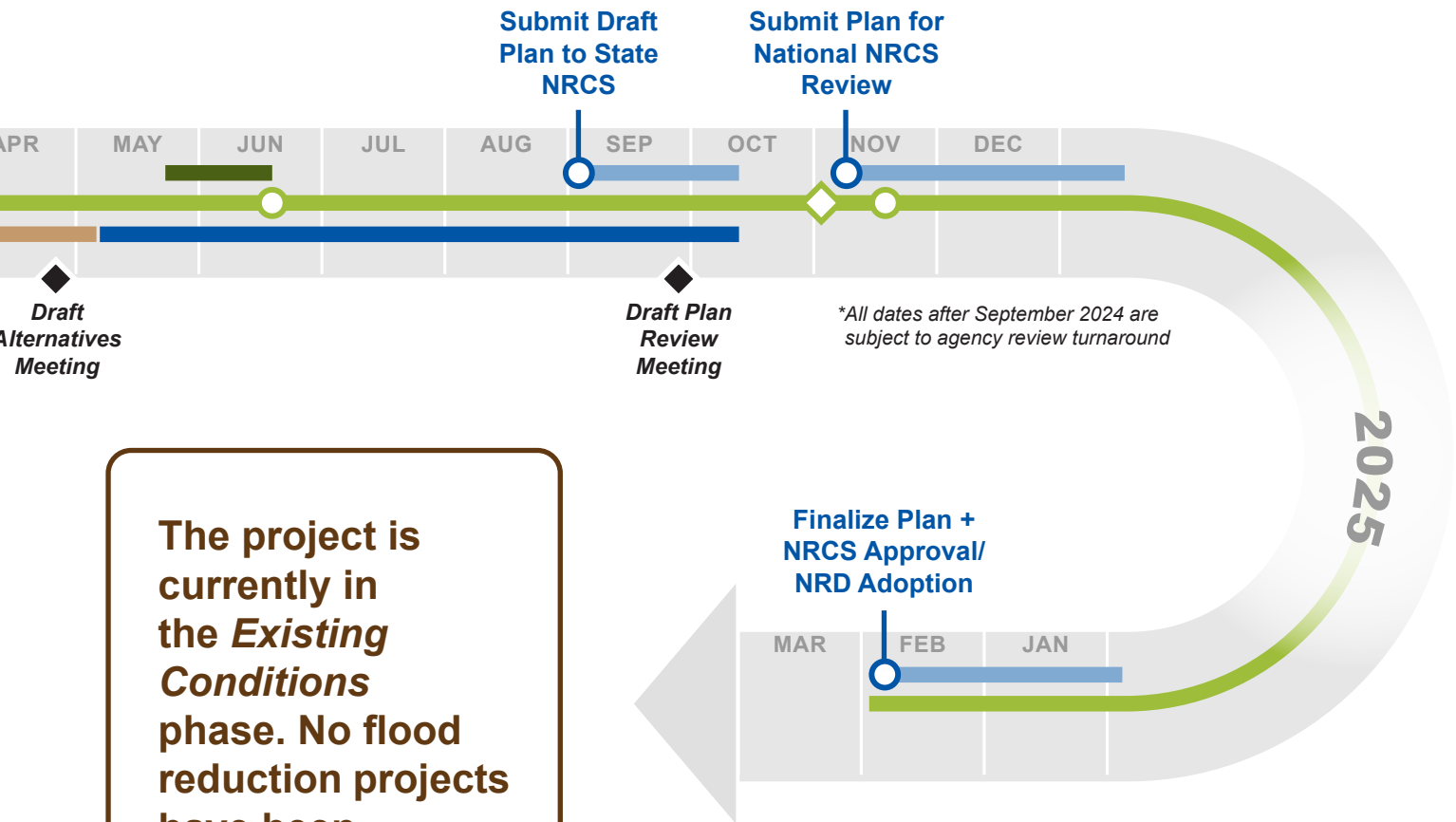
**Please provide all comments by
Wednesday, December 6, 2023.**



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Legend

- Identify Existing Conditions
- Evaluate Potential Alternatives
- Develop Draft Plan
- Study Advisory Team
- Landowner Outreach, as needed
- NRCS Milestone Meetings
- Public Meetings
- Agency Coordination
- Plan Submittal



The project is currently in the *Existing Conditions* phase. No flood reduction projects have been identified yet.

What is a watershed?

An area of land that drains into a body of water such as a river, lake, or stream.

North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed

Approximate Area:

- 242,563 acres

Major Tributaries:

- North Fork Elkhorn River
- Dry Creek
- Yankton Slough
- East Branch North Fork Elkhorn River
- Breslau Creek

Communities Include:

- Foster
- Magnet
- McClean
- Osmond
- Pierce
- Plainview
- Wausa

The March 2019 catastrophic flood caused extensive damage to buildings, farmland, roads, and bridges across the watershed.

Study Area

