

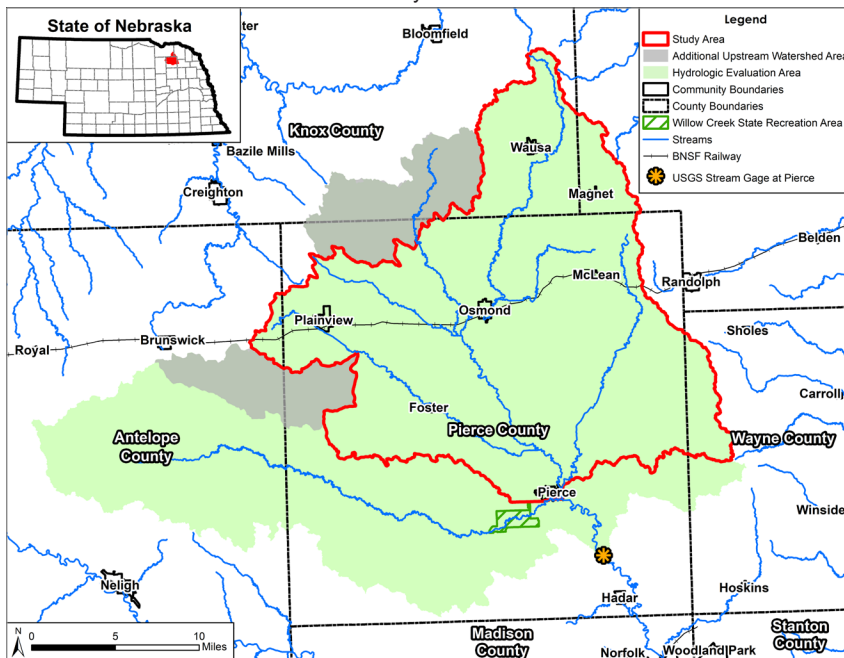
# North Fork Elkhorn River Flood Risk Reduction Plan



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

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

North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed - Study Area



### The Watershed Plan Will:

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

### The Plan's draft Purpose and Need statement:

The project purpose is flood prevention (flood damage reduction) within and near the communities of Pierce and Osmond. The project is needed due to the long history of flooding damages that have occurred throughout the watershed, impacting communities and agricultural areas.

The watershed plan focuses on reducing flood risk in the Osmond and Pierce areas, but no final decisions have been made on draft alternatives.

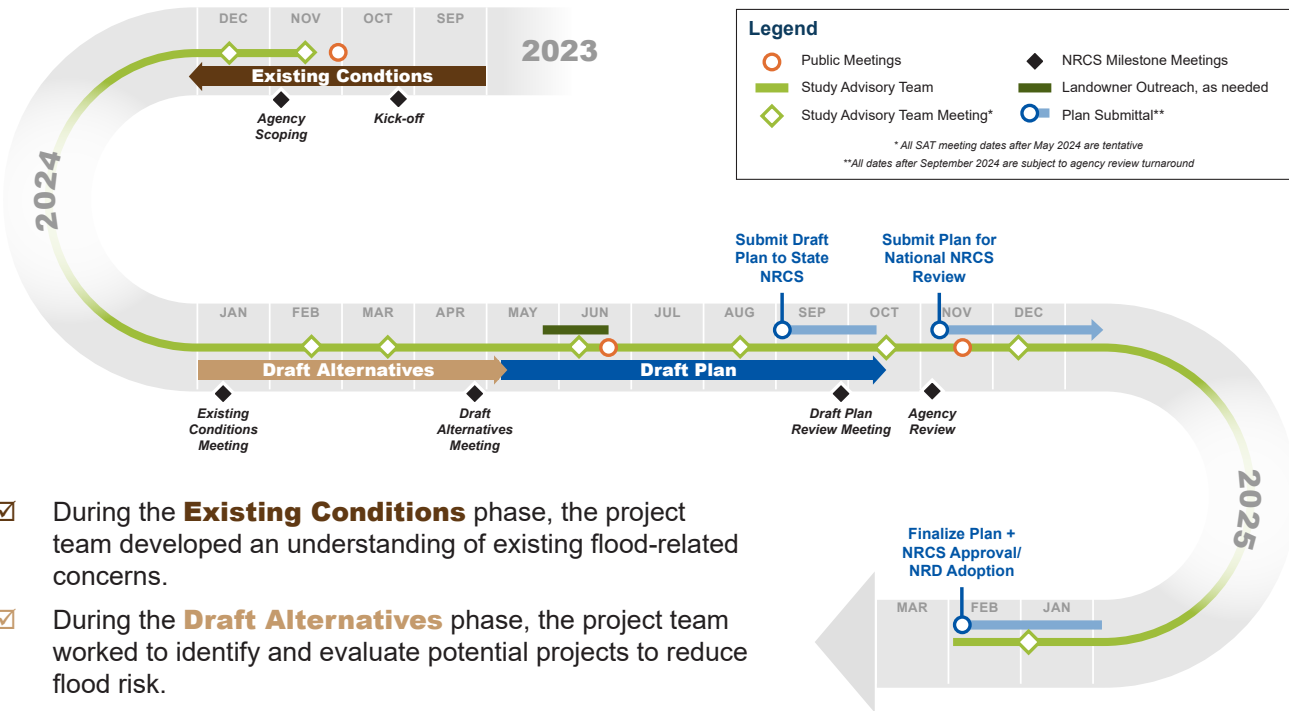


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The project started in fall 2023 and the final plan is scheduled to be completed in early 2025.

## Anticipated Schedule as of June 2024



- ☑ During the **Existing Conditions** phase, the project team developed an understanding of existing flood-related concerns.
- ☑ During the **Draft Alternatives** phase, the project team worked to identify and evaluate potential projects to reduce flood risk.
- ☐ During the **Draft Plan** phase, the project team studies potential projects in more detail and develops the draft watershed plan.




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

- Input from the November 2023 public meetings helped validate modeling data and confirm local flood-related concerns.
- A 17-member Study Advisory Team (SAT) comprised of local community members have met five times since November 2023 to help ensure the planning process and resulting plan reflects local concerns and values.
- The SAT will convene several more times to provide input on the alternatives and draft plan before it is submitted for state and national NRCS review.
- The public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft final plan in fall/early winter 2024.

## We Want Your Input!

No final decisions have been made.  
The project team is collecting public comments on draft alternatives until Friday, July 26, 2024.

There are three ways to provide comment:

-  Complete a comment form and drop it in the comment box before leaving tonight.
-  Complete the online comment form (available on the project website).
-  Send written comments to Curt Becker at [cbecker@lenrd.org](mailto:cbecker@lenrd.org).