On April 22, 2025, The National Watershed Coalition in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conducted an webinar: NRCS Watershed Program Opportunities for Flood Prone Communities.

The following pages contain the list of participants, questions submitted prior to webinar and slides and materials utilized by the presenters.

### **National Watershed Coalition**

# Watershed Program Opportunities for Flood Prone Communities

April 22, 2025



### Logistics

- Webinar ID | 817 9622 6540
- All muted lines except presenters
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  - Via web use the Q&A feature on your computer Zoom dashboard
- Will get to as many questions as we can
- Webinar will be recorded
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- Tina Hendon | NWC Chair
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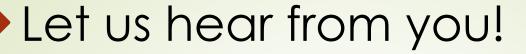


- Provide assistance in watershed planning
- Host biennial national watershed conference
- Sponsor topical conferences and trainings
- Advocate for USDA small watershed programs
- Represent project sponsors at national level
- Provide resource testimony before Congress

#### Resources...



- Legislative materials
- Fact sheets
- Project success stories
- Online membership payments





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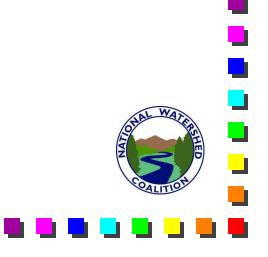
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### **Topic**

 Watershed Program Opportunities for Flood Prone Communities



### **Purpose**



Participants will learn about NRCS
 Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)

 Program assistance with project sponsors for flooding and erosion protection following a natural disaster including structural solutions that protect communities from additional flooding threats and financial assistance for sponsor-led property buyouts.

### **Purpose**

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The webinar will also include NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program assistance to sponsors in preparing and carrying out watershed plans for purposes such as watershed protection and flood prevention, assessing the extent of watershed problems and the needs of a flood-prone community with watershed plans that may include nonstructural or structural measures.

# Write Down the Information You Will Follow-up with & Use

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And use the Questions & Answers system in your dashboard!

### **Questions & Discussion**

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- John Derbish NRCS National EWP Program Manager
- Gene Saurborn, NWC Executive Director | host/speaker
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### **Future Events**



#### **Spring Operation & Maintenance Workshop**

**April 29 – May 1, 2025** 

#### **Decatur Conference Center**

**Decatur, TX** 

#### The workshop will include technical presentations

and in-field demonstrations.

- If you have interest in dam maintenance and inspection, including roller -compacted concrete (RCC), field demonstrations of modern equipment (including cameras, drones and remotecontrol mowers), and presentations on land rights, easements and GIS, this is the workshop for you!
- More Details to Come Agenda, registration and lodging information will be available in the coming weeks.
- PLEASE SHARE! If you know someone who may be interested in attending, feel free to forward this along! Registration not yet open, coming soon!

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### **Closing Remarks**

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# How NRCS Can Assist Flood Prone Communities

National Watershed Coalition Webinar April 22, 2025



### **USDA-NRCS Watershed Programs**

John Derbish, National EWP Program Manager Sonya Keith, National Watershed Operations Program Coordinator Natural Resources Conservation Service



### Topics

Emergency Watershed Protection Program

Flood protection measures to remove threats and restore the natural environment

Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations Program



Address watershed-scale floodwater threats

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### **EWP Provides Recovery Assistance**

Federal Emergency Declaration

EWP Program Available

#### NRCS/Local Coordination

- Identify EWP Opportunities
  - Flooding Protection
  - Stop Additional Erosion



#### **EWP Measures**

- Remove Threats
- Restore the Natural Environment
- Can Use NRCS Conservation Practices

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### **Getting into the EWP Workflow**

A natural disaster creates flooding & erosion threats

> **Sponsor** formally requests assistance

> > STC completes a Damage Survey Report (DSR) and cost estimates

> > > Available funds are allocated to STC to implement emergency practices





### **EWP Sponsors**

#### **EWP** Assistance

- Technical
- Financial



#### Recipient

• Sponsor

#### Eligible Sponsors

- State
- Political Subdivision of State
- Qualified Indian Tribe or Tribal Organization
- Unit of local government
- All sponsors must have a legal interest in or responsibility for the areas threatened

#### Sponsor Responsibilities

- Share of project costs as determined by NRCS as cash or in-kind services
- Real property rights for structural solutions, water rights, and regulatory permits
- Provide for required O&M as determined necessary by NRCS
- Document they have insufficient resources to provide adequate relief

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### **EWP Context**

#### **Planning**

- 9-Step Planning Process
  - Damage Survey Report
  - EE with CPA-52 Cat Ex, Programmatic EIS

#### Design

- National Engineering Manual
- NRCS conservation practice standards & specs

#### Acquisition and Construction

- Provide Emergency Watershed Protection
  - Acquisition and construction activities

How is this work done?

### Through a NRCS/Sponsor Agreement:

- Details the responsibilities and cost share of NRCS and Sponsor
- Will document if/how funding will be provided to a sponsor based on the sponsor's contribution to planning, design, and construction

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### Eligible EWP Practices



- Provide protection from flooding or soil erosion
- Reduce threats to life or property
- Restore the hydraulic capacity to the natural environment to the maximum extent practical
- Be economically/environmentally defensible & technically sound

The Fine Print

- NRCS may determine that a measure is not eligible for assistance for any reason.
- NRCS will not provide funding for activities undertaken by a sponsor prior to the signing of an agreement.

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### Common EWP Measures

#### 1. CPS

- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Clearing and Snagging (326)
- Obstruction Removal (500)
- Mulching (484)
- Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
- 2. Federally-held Floodplain Easements (FPE)
- 3. Locally-led Property Acquisition (Buyout)



### Fund Usage & the Coop Agreement

#### Previous Steps

- Formal Sponsor Request
- Damage Survey Report
- Funds Allocated within NRCS for EWP work

#### NRCS Funds Available

- Financial assistance (FA) funds are used for the NRCS share of acquisition, construction, and mitigation cost
- Technical Assistance (TA) funds are used for planning, design, contract administration, and construction inspection

#### Formal Agreement

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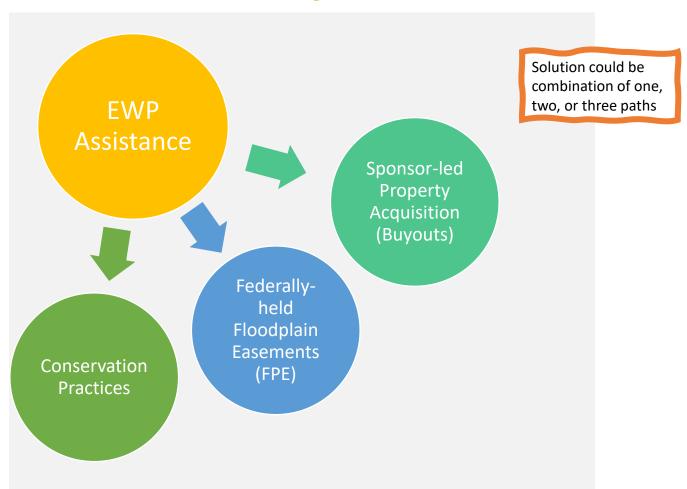
### **EWP Buyouts**

#### **2004 EWP EIS**

- NRCS considers cost-sharing with a sponsor to fund buyouts of residents in such floodprone circumstances because it would be the most cost-effective and environmentally preferable measure
- Cost sharing requirement (75% or 90% for limited resource areas)
- Sponsors would be required to work with landowners to purchase fee title and deed restrict the property



### All Available Options



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# Questions?

Then more explanation of EWP Buyouts

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### **EWP Buyouts**

## EWP buyouts provide financial assistance to

• local project sponsors (i.e., state, political subdivision of state, federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization, or unit of local government) for the purchase or relocation of an existing structure and the underlying land from a voluntary owner when the property is threatened by additional flooding or erosion.

#### **Existing structures are either:**

- demolished or
- physically relocated to an area not being threatened by flooding or erosion



### Long Term Land Protection

# The sponsor-acquired land is deed-restricted to remain, in perpetuity:

- open space and/or
- may have conservation practices installed that:
  - restore the natural environment and
  - provide flooding and erosion protection





### **EWP Buyout Eligibility**

# Eligibility Based on EWP Manual Parts 510-513

- Voluntary seller
- Deed restriction approved by NRCS
- Relocated structures are taken out of threat area
- Program Criteria
  - Watershed Emergency, Watershed Impairment, Imminent threat, Property definition
- Measure eligibility and program limitations apply
- Cost Effective
  - OK to use FEMA pre-calculated benefits of \$323k per acquired property



### **EWP Buyout Process**

#### **Follow EWP Manual Parts 510-513**

Formal Sponsor Request

**Damage Survey Report** 

Funds Allocated to EWP Project

STC & Sponsor Cooperative Agreement

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# Cooperative Agreement

### **Milestones**



- ID potential property owners
- 2. Complete appraisals, title search, etc
- Obtain NRCS concurrence on deed restrictions
- 4. Acquire warranty deeds and deed restrictions
- Obtain NRCS concurrence on the design, demolition, and construction plans and specifications, O&M Plan, and QAP for site restoration practices
- 6. Solicit bids and award construction contract
- 7. Completion of demolition and restoration
- 8. Complete close-out activities

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## **EWP Buyout Cost Share**

#### **Allocable Cost Share**

- Market value of the real property (land and structures if demolition, or just land if relocation) either at:
  - 1. the time of sale or
  - 2. immediately prior to the most recent disaster or flood event, subject to applicable adjustments
- Appraisals, title searches, title insurance, inspections, surveys, settlements, etc.
- Lot clearing and conservation practices that restore the natural environment
- Offsets to adverse impacts tenants, relocation, and some replacement costs

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## Conclusion

Use existing EWP Program authority and process to provide protection from flooding to safeguard lives and property in LRA communities to increase program participation and climate resiliency.

## Sponsor Request for Assistance

- Units of government
- Sponsors have responsibilities during planning, design, acquisition, construction, and maintenance



#### Damage Survey Report

- NRCS will proposes practices and cost estimates
- NRCS follows requirements, limits, and practice eligibility criteria when providing financial assistance



#### Formal Agreement

- The agreement will detail responsibilities and cost share
- The agreement will document if and how funding is provided based on the sponsor's role during planning, design, acquisition, and construction

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Potential EWP Project Examples







# Potential EWP Project Examples





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## **EWP Resources**

#### **EWP Information**

- 30 Minute Overview
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2fS5za2zVs

## **EWP Webpage**

 Emergency Watershed Protection | Natural Resources Conservation Service (usda.gov)

#### **EWP State Program Managers**

<u>Emergency Watershed Program State Contacts | Natural Resources Conservation Service (usda.gov)</u>

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# Questions?

Then transition to WFPO

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## Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO) Overview

The WFPO Program provides for cooperation between the Federal government and the States and their political subdivisions to address resource concerns due to erosion, floodwater, and sediment and provide for improved utilization of the land and water resources

- NRCS assist local sponsor to implement watershed projects (locally led)
- NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to the sponsor to complete a project





## Authorized Program Purposes



The WFPO Program provides for cooperation between the Federal government and the States and their political subdivisions to address resource concerns due to erosion, floodwater, and sediment and provide for improved utilization of the land and water resources

#### **Purposes:**

- Flood Prevention (Flood Damage Reduction)
- Agricultural Water Management
- Watershed Protection
- Public Recreation
- Public Fish and Wildlife
- Municipal and Industrial Water Supply
- Water Quality
   Management



Р	Purpose	Installation / Construction	Engineering / Technical Assistance	Real Property Rights <sup>1/</sup>
r	Flood Prevention Works of Improvement	100 percent	100 percent	0 percent
o g r a m	Watershed Protection Works of improvement that develop or conserve:  Soil Water quality and quantity Woodland Ecosystem restoration Energy Air quality Cultural and aesthetic resources	Similar rate to other cost share programs	100 percent	0 percent
P u	Public Fish and Wildlife or Public Recreational Development  Works of Improvement Recreation Minimum Basic Facilities	0 to 50 percent	50 to 100 percent	0 to50 percent
r p o s	Agricultural Water Management Works of improvement that involve:  Drainage Irrigation Ground Water Recharge Agricultural (including rural community) Water Supply Water Conservation Water Quality	Similar rate to other cost share programs	100 percent	0 percent
е	Municipal and Industrial Water Supply  Reservoir Structure	0 to 50 percent	0 percent	0 percent
S	Water Quality Management  Reservoir Storage	Similar rate to other cost share programs	Up to 100 percent	0 percent



## Flood Prevention (Flood Damage Reduction)

100% Technical Assistance/100% Financial (implementation) Assistance

- Measures are installed to prevent or reduce damages caused by floodwater.
- The control and disposal of surface water caused by abnormally high direct precipitation, stream overflow, or floods aggravated or caused by wind or tidal effects.
- Measures should:
  - reduce or prevent floodwater damages by reducing runoff, erosion, and sediment;
  - modifying the susceptibility of improvements in the floodplain to damage;
  - removing damageable property from the floodplain;
  - or reducing the frequency, depth, or velocity of flooding.
- Measures may also include actions that prevent encroachment into the floodplain.



## Flood Prevention (Flood Damage Reduction)

100% Technical Assistance/100% Financial (implementation) Assistance

During the planning process NRCS will look at all viable ways to address flooding, typical options include:

- Dams
- Levees
- Flood proofing (elevating structures)









Figure 1-1. Inundation Area, May 15, 2011 Event (MARIS 2011)

# Mississippi – Carter & Rocky Bayou:

- Flood prevention and flood damage reduction
- Authorized 48 miles of levee and 44 drainage structures

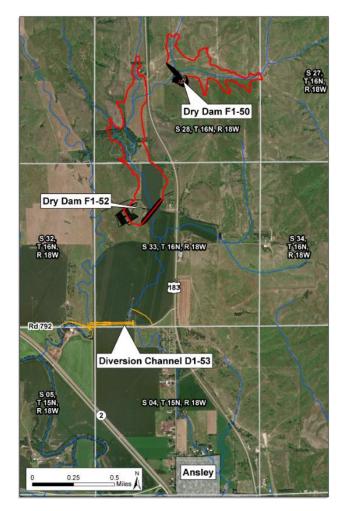






#### **Nebraska – Upper Mud Creek Watershed:**

- Flood prevention and flood damage reduction
- Authorized Two Dry Dams, Diversion Channel





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## WFPO Key Statutory Requirements

#### **Public Sponsorship**

Watershed Projects up to 250,000\* acres (and other structural capacity requirements).

Benefits must Exceed Cost

20% of benefits must be agriculture/rural related

Must have Authorized NRCS watershed plan and environmental document (EA or EIS)



\*Several recent appropriations have waived this requirement for projects that have a purpose other than flood prevention

# Sponsor Responsibilities:

 Provide Land Rights (including Power of Eminent Domain)

• Permits and Licenses

Financial
 Responsibilities
 (Authority to Levy Taxes
 or other)

 Operation and Maintenance

# Typical Sponsor Entities:

- County Fiscal Courts
- City's
- Soil and Water
   Conservation Districts



# Program Process/Timelines:

#### **Generally Funded in Phases**

Preliminary Investigation Findings Report (PIFR) Phase: to determine if the project has any insurmountable challenges and is compatible with the PL-566 program. *Up to 12 months to complete* 

Planning Phase: watershed plan and environmental document, alternative identified . *Up to 18 months to complete* 

Design Phase: Alternative(s) designed *Up to 24 months to complete* 

Contruction/Implementation Phase. <u>2-5 years to complete</u>



Phase	What's Needed to Request Funds
PIFR	Letter from Sponsor, STC Request letter to Deputy Chief of Programs.
Planning	Approved PIFR.
Design	Watershed Plan EA/EIS has been Authorized by the Chief.
Construction	Land rights and all permits obtained, designed has been approved by the SCE (at least 90%).

# WFPO Key Takeaways:

- Collaborative Approach local sponsors and project champions are key to success!
- Intensive process for long term results that can change communities.
- Broad applicability to many watershed issues
- NRCS is involved throughout out the entire process



## For More Info:

National Website: <u>Watershed and Flood Prevention</u>
<u>Operations (WFPO) Program | Natural Resources</u>
<u>Conservation Service (usda.gov)</u>

Each state has a Watershed Program Manager: NRCS State

Watershed Program Managers | Natural Resources
Conservation Service (usda.gov)

Fact Sheet: NRCS WatershedFloodPrev Fact Sheet-2021.pdf (usda.gov)





## Any Questions?

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# Watershed Program Opportunities for Flood Prone Communities

#### **National Watershed Coalition Webinar**

#### Questions from Webinar Registrants (305 Registrants 4.21.25)

- 1. Assistance programs for landowners
- 2. What programs are available to small communities affected by deluge rainfall?
- 3. Is there assistance from the federal government to work on structures?
- 4. Which NRCS programs assist flood prone communities?
- 5. What programs exist and how do I access them?
- 6. What is the current outlook for availability of EWP/WFPO financial & technical assistance in the next 12 18 months.
- 7. What are the expected changes given the change in administration?
- 8. NRCS Project end of design life reconstruction funding opportunities
- 9. Land Treatment scenarios available without a major structure
- 10. How detailed the economic section has to be?
- 11. How do cultural resources fit into the planning process?
- 12. How does someone establish that they are a flood prone community?
- 13. How do individuals or communities qualify
- 14. Communities seem to be uninterested in pursuing a watershed plan due to time/cost. What are ways to overcome these barriers?
- 15. Conservation District roles in flooding disasters and how they can quickly distribute financial assistance to local residents.
- 16. Grant Opportunities and Eligibility for dam owners/SLOs
- 17. Resources available for farmers
- 18. How to best communicate across involved partners in the emergency response and defining roles
- 19. How do we participate in these projects or find out about them?
- 20. Program criteria and requirements
- 21. Where are the specific opportunities
- 22. Looking if what is available can assist sponsor we work with.
- 23. Many of our local flood event cause significant damage below the level of a 'declared' flood disaster. Is a declaration required
- 24. What is available for mountain towns in Washington County, Vermont?
- 25. To what extent are we required to analyze the floodplain for non-structural alternatives in a PL-566 plan?
- 26. How to get response dollars quickly. Is there a way to combine NRCS and FEMA responses, understanding that both are federal
- 27. I'm interested in sponsor responsibilities
- 28. How to track projects under design and ahead of construction bid timeframe?

- 29. Are there any tricks to know so that the assistance can be timely and efficient for local entities?
- 30. What is the process
- 31. How can we better plan and be more prepared to assist in flood events?
- 32. What programs exist?
- 33. How to streamline the application process?
- 34. What role can local conservation districts take to assist affected communities?
- 35. Specific sponsors capabilities needed for success
- 36. Given the current federal climate, what does the future of this program look like?
- 37. Funding available
- 38. What flood mitigation activities do you fund? Is your funding still available?
- 39. What are the funding caps that exist for EWP projects? Can they be used for scoping and design or possibly in sequence?
- 40. Future of funding
- 41. Will the Trump administration be cutting or increasing funding for O&M, and/or new const. of watershed sites (if known)?
- 42. When should communities apply for funding?

Current status of funding

- 43. Local matching funds information for EWP?
- 44. Is there any risk for projects funded by the FEMA Hazard Mitigation program in the design phase to lose funding?
- 45. availability of funding use of easements (conservation/land use)
- 46. Funding mechanisms and requirements
- 47. FRS and GSS funding opportunities available
- 48. Status of funding
- 49. How will cuts in programs affect funding?
- 50. financial assistance for businesses and communities
- 51. Funding mechanisms
- 52. Future WFPO/PL 83-566 funding opportunities/continuance
- 53. Have these programs been affected by the federal funding challenges?
- 54. funding status for WFPO program for 2025 and beyond
- 55. Funding outlook for this type of work
- 56. Are any changes to these programs anticipated under the new administration? Any updates to funding amounts?
- 57. Can NRCS promise continued funding to address needs?
- 58. What is the funding limit for projects funded through the EWP program?
- 59. What is the availability for PL-566 funding in 2025 (for Planning, Design, Construction)?
- 60. Is grant money available for levee maintenance or flood reduction?
- 61. Available funding for flooding victims
- 62. What types of grants are available; what are the application requirements; what types of projects are supported, etc.

- 63. Will there continue to be funding with the new administration to address these issues and if so, how do we apply for the funding
- 64. What agencies qualify to be sponsors?
- 65. What impacts have the voluntary resignations had on NRCS's ability to continued high quality engineer technical assistance?
- 66. What, if any, challenges does the current federal administration pose to the EWP's funding and / or NRCS staffing of it?
- 67. General introduction about the programs
- 68. Learn about the NRCS Programs to assist flood prone communities
- 69. Differences between EWP Buyouts and EWP Flood Easements
- 70. How does the EWP buyout work
- 71. What qualifies
- 72. Digital version of WFPO manual??
- 73. How do NRCS easements (ACEP/EWP) fit into protecting flood prone communities.
- 74. When should FEMA guidance and requirements be deferred to when assisting flood prone communities
- 75. Will NRCS continue to focus on agricultural and rural areas upstream of communities or promote mitigation in urbanized areas?
- 76. How do project sponsors find funding for new projects that are critical needs amid reduced program funding/high program demand.
- 77. Is there a population limit for communities we can assist?
- 78.I want to know about current contacts, funding opportunities, and process to help towns and property owners who reach out.
- 79. Requirements for assistance
- 80. What can I tell flood affected community members are eligible projects under EWP?
- 81. Is NRCS looking into the flooded communities in southern WV
- 82. How complicated is the recordkeeping for any grants?
- 83. How do we communicate better with local governments
- 84. How to get assistance to help our Flood prone community. Learn other organizations we could possibly cost share.
- 85. How can conservation districts partner with NRCS on the EWP program to assist affected landowners?
- 86. How do cultural resources fit into the planning process?
- 87. Requirements for assistance
- 88.I want to know about current contacts, funding opportunities, and process to help towns and property owners who reach out.
- 89. What scale of flooding issues is this program designed to assist
- 90. Get knowledge about NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations (Can program assist individuals or small unorganized groups of landowners.

- 91. What are the considerations used to decide to stay and protect versus move out of floodprone areas?
- 92.WFPO) Program and how we can help our communities
- 93. Cuales son los requisitos para la elegibilidad?
- 94. Are there plans to streamline the application process for funding of new watershed projects?
- 95. Where should I direct local municipal officials so they can learn more about this program?
- 96. Easements for dam inundation areas
- 97. Financial assistance from Federal or State Agencies for maintaining NRCS Dams that are beyond their sediment storage life.
- 98. Dam removal
- 99. How do you apply for grants to pay for NRCS dam rehabilitation projects?
- 100. What is the role of FEMA's flood insurance mapping in these programs?
- 101. When will we know about the project for the 25 year?
- 102. What activities are eligible under EWP and WFPO?
- 103. What do we need to receive information about opportunities?
- 104. What cost share opportunities do various NRCS Programs have the assist flood prone communities that also tied to water quality?
- 105. Do flood prevention structures qualify for EWP
- 106. What resources are available for pre-disaster mitigation, as well as during an emergency?
- 107. Sponsor responsibility for land ownership, control, or easement
- 108. How does engineering fall in line with the programs associated with flood prone communities?
- 109. What type of weather disaster events are eligible with EWP?
- 110. What programs are available and how do communities apply?
- 111. How do you build a team of local, state, and federal agencies to implement projects?
- 112. Is wetland restoration part of the flood protection program at NRCS?
- 113. Is repair to disaster-damaged roads, in order to access one or more sites for debris removal, eligible for cost share?
- 114. Restoration ideas
- 115. Can NRCS make getting designs to Districts a bigger priority? CMP projects?
- 116. Can the WFPO program assist municipalities with H&H studies?
- 117. What's the best way to stop and prevent erosion from damaging structures and infrastructure?
- 118. Can NRCS pay for storm sewers?

- 119. Addressing lack of suitable alternative housing
- 120. What are all the different practices they employ to help with flooding and help prevent it.
- Does the program(s) fit ice flow damages to a community occurring on year after year basis through implementation of BMPs?
- 122. What is the largest Structural project to date and where is it located
- 123. How we can use habitat restoration to alleviate coastal flooding in southwest Washington (pacific county).
- 124. Cost share for maintenance on PL566
- 125. How often do structures get re-certified or looked at by whom for high hazards structure
- 126. Is there any discussion about programs for flood insurance assistance as opposed to buy outs?
- 127. Sources of funding to raise a section of our dike.
- 128. NRCS should help create and approve EAPs in order to save lives
- 129. How do nature-based infrastructure projects on buyout properties differ among the coast states?
- 130. NRCS process for property buyouts.
- 131. How does NRCS evaluate the effectiveness of conservation structures, such as terraces, grassed waterways, or retention ponds?
- 132.
- 133. Flood Prone buyouts and a contact for stream cleanout
- 134. Will this program remove a log jam that is catching trash, increasing flood damage, and preventing boat navigation?
- 135. Where does the funding come from? What opportunities are there to coordinate with states to facilitate flood resilience?
- 136. Stream Restoration and bank restoration
- 137. EWP Overview
- 138. How can NRCS assist with on-the-ground flood mitigation for communities
- 139. How does NRCS work with other agencies to support complex and long-term projects in a state or county.
- 140. What are the minimum requirements to apply?
- 141. For rehab, what is the process to get a project approved if tech or \$ infeasible to design to PMP?
- 142. Will there be continued litigation for families who live in flood prone areas?
- 143. What can local soil and water conservation districts do to best prepare themselves to support EWP activities?
- 144. How communities can apply
- 145. More information about buyouts for landslides
- 146. How can flood related programs interact with or support conservation related programs?
- 147. How can the program be used to protect communities from sea level rise?

- 148. I'm not sure what programs are offered so I'm joining in to hear the general overview.
- 149. How to plan
- 150. Update for Buyout program
- 151. What programming or initiatives are available to assist flood-prone communities with sunny-day flooding?
- 152. Soil Health
- 153. What kind of preventative maintenance is done for these high risk communities
- 154. In "emergencies", how quickly really can we get assistance out to folks? We're not a fast-moving agency!
- 155. How can skilled restoration practitioners support landowners in their proactive flood prevention efforts?
- 156. Is there funding to assist with flood debris removal?
- 157. What NRCS programs are currently available to help flood-prone communities with long-term mitigation planning?
- 158. Resources to help with stream bank slips and erosion issues
- 159. I want to learn about funding opportunities with the irrigators we regulate.
- 160. Just hear to learn about what this organization does specifically.
- 161. Are you enjoying all of the questions?