

Shaw Creek and Wide Hollow Flood Mitigation project

Project update as of 6-07-2016

To date, all of the environmental surveys and analysis work has been completed for the Environmental Assessment process. The cultural resource surveys and report have also been completed.

The NEPA scoping notice was issued on June 8, 2014 and was closed for public comment on July 8, 2014. A total of 14 comments were received as a result of the scoping notice. Comments received are being utilized by FEMA and AECOM to and will be addressed in the NEPA document.

The wetland delineation and ordinary high water mark delineations have been completed and will be reviewed by the Corps of Engineers and Department of Ecology. The Corps of Engineers will need to issue the appropriate permits for the project.

The Final Environmental Assessment was completed on December 1, 2015. A public meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16th and comments were received from the public. The Final Environmental Assessment was completed on December 1, 2015 FEMA and is available at <http://fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/109088>

The FONSI was published on January 6, 2016 and is available for review at <http://fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/109088>

The SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) "Final Threshold Determination-Threshold of Non-Significance" was published 11/14/2016.

The FEMA PDM grant was awarded and the Yakima County Board of Yakima County Commissioners executed the Washington State Emergency Division grant on 1/17/2017.

The Centennial Clean Water Grant was awarded to Yakima County on 7/1/2016 by the Department of Ecology (DOE).

The permitting process and property acquisition phases were started after the grants was awarded.

Yakima County has is contacting the landowners that are directly affected by the Shaw Creek relocation corridor. In addition, landowners along Wide Hollow Creek are being contacted to discuss conveyance and vegetative management involvement. Additional landowner meetings will be occurring as the designs are completed.

FEMA, Washington State Emergency Management Division, and Yakima County are involved in the project planning and Environmental Assessment process. If you have any concerns or comments, or would like to discuss the project status, please call:

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Explanation of Project Roles and Responsibilities

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) FEMA has provided the funding for the PDM grant and has overall responsibility for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program from which this project is funded.

Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD) is the grant recipient of the PDM grant.

Yakima County Public Services Water Resources Division is the sub grantee and will be handling much of the contacts with stakeholders, landowners, construction contractors, and on-the-ground implementation.

AECOM (previously URS) Corporation Inc. is an engineering consulting firm that has been hired by FEMA to provide the NEPA Environmental Assessment work, cultural resource survey and report, and any additional environmental work.

West Consulting Inc. is an engineering and hydraulic consulting firm that is providing the hydraulic and engineering work including channel design for the project.

Department of Ecology (DOE) is providing funding from the Centennial Clean Water act to assist in Shaw Creek relocation, improving water quality, establishing native riparian vegetation, improving wetlands, and increasing the natural function of the channel.