

for public comment is a direct result of those requests.

The Draft Strategy provides a framework to focus existing and new Forest Service actions for open space conservation. Accordingly, comments on the Draft Strategy should focus broadly on the strategic objectives and actions described in the document. Input regarding the following three questions is most useful:

1. Are there major actions or concepts for conserving open space missing in the Draft Strategy;
2. Has the Draft Strategy outlined strategic priorities that will best leverage Forest Service expertise, resources, and partnerships to conserve open space; and
3. Are the proposed priority actions feasible and complementary to other conservation efforts?

By receiving input from people with diverse interests and perspectives, the Agency hopes to attain an array of viewpoints and ideas regarding the Open Space Conservation Strategy. Feedback from a range of interested individuals will assist the Agency in developing a well-informed, focused, and effective strategy to address the loss of open space threat.

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Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Environmental Assessment; City of Wilber Flood Control, Lower Big Blue Watershed, Saline County, NE

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability, finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has prepared an Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended. Pursuant to the implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); the USDA Departmental Policy for the NEPA (7 CFR part 1b); the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service policy (General Manual Title 190, Part 410); the Natural Resources Conservation Service gives notice that an environmental impact statement is

not being prepared for constructing a single floodwater retarding dam in the Lower Big Blue Watershed, Saline County, Nebraska. The Environmental Assessment was developed in coordination with the sponsoring local organization (Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District) for a proposed floodwater retarding dam in the Lower Big Blue Watershed to reduce flood damages downstream of the site, including the city of Wilber, Nebraska. Upon consideration of the affected environment, alternatives, environmental consequences, and comments and coordination with concerned public and agencies, the State Conservationist for NRCS, Nebraska found that based on the significance and context and intensity that the proposed action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Thus, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was made.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen K. Chick, State Conservationist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3866; telephone (402) 437-5300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The sponsoring local organization concurs with this determination and supports the proposed project to construct a single floodwater retarding dam to current NRCS High Hazard Class requirements and for a design life expediency of 100 years. The following action is proposed to construct a floodwater retarding dam across an unnamed tributary approximately one-fourth mile upstream from the area of concern and Wilber city limit. Information regarding this finding may be obtained at the contact information listed above. No administrative action on implementation of the proposed funding action will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Stephen K. Chick,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Virginia State Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of proposed changes in the Virginia NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Virginia that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in practice standard: #382, Fence. This practice will be used to plan and install conservation practices on cropland, pastureland, woodland, and wildlife land.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to John A. Bricker, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209, Richmond, Virginia 23229-5014; Telephone number (804) 287-1691; Fax number (804) 287-1737. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request to the address shown above or on the Virginia NRCS Web site: <http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/draftstandards.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Virginia will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Virginia regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standards.

Dated: June 14, 2007.

John A. Bricker,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Richmond, Virginia.

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