



**US Army Corps  
Of Engineers**  
Omaha District

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Application Number:** 2008-01045-KEA  
**Applicant:** Gary Rosenbach  
**Waterway:** Middle Loup River  
**Issue Date:** January 25, 2013  
**Expiration Date:** February 9, 2013

**15-DAY NOTICE**

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**Reply To:**  
**Kearney Regulatory Office**  
**2214 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Kearney, NE 68847-5315**  
**(308) 234-1403**  
**<http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/Nebraska.aspx>**

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**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE:** This public notice is issued jointly by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). The NDEQ, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922, will review the proposed project for state certification in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. NDEQ hereby incorporates this public notice as its own public notice and procedures by reference thereto. For the purposes of NDEQ, this public notice will expire 30 days from the above issue date.

**AUTHORITY:** Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

**APPLICANT:** Gary Rosenbach 404 Highway 11 Dannebrog, Nebraska 68831

**PROJECT LOCATION:** SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 22, Township 13 North, Range 11 West, Howard County, Nebraska

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant was issued a permit to build this project on March 30, 2009. The jetties were not built due to the unavailability of materials. The construction materials are now available but the permit expired on March 31, 2012. There are no changes to the original plan.

The project entails the construction of five fence jetties along approximately 780 feet of the left bank of the Middle Loup River. Spacing between structures will range from 130-260 feet. Each structure will have a center-line length of 22 feet and will extend 11 feet into the stream channel from the bank line at a 30° angle. The structures will be constructed using four used utility poles with a wooden cross piece. Cedar trees will be fastened to each structure.

**PROJECT PURPOSE:**

Basic Project Purpose: The basic project purpose as defined by the Corps is stream bank erosion protection.

Applicant's Project Purpose: The applicant's project purpose is bank protection for private property.

Overall Project Purpose: The overall project purpose as defined by the Corps is stream bank erosion protection on the Middle Loup River within Howard County, Nebraska.

**SPECIAL AQUATIC SITES:** No special aquatic sites will be impacted.

**AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION AND MITIGATION:** The footprint of stream channel impacts have been avoided and minimized by using fence jetties as opposed to using a revetment of some sort or riprap jetties. No mitigation is required.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The Corps of Engineers, Omaha District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and amendments and the procedures set forth in 33 CFR 325, Appendix C. We have checked the National Register of Historic Places, its current supplements and any available site database information and there are no known National Register sites in the vicinity. We will evaluate input by the State Historic Preservation Office, Tribes and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct or require a survey of the permit area to check for unknown historic or prehistoric properties, if warranted.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity, comments are solicited from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

**FLOODPLAIN:** This activity is being reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, which discourages direct or indirect support of floodplain development whenever there is a practicable alternative. By this notice, comments are requested from individuals and agencies that believe the described work will adversely impact the floodplain.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) requires that all discharges of fill material must be certified by the appropriate state agency as complying with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. This public notice serves as an application to the state in which the discharge site is located for certification of the discharge. The discharge must be certified before a Department of the Army permit can be issued. Certification, if issued, expresses the state's opinion that the discharge will not violate applicable water quality standards.

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW:** The decision whether to issue the Corps' permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against their reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the work on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

**COMMENTS:** The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State, and Local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any

comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

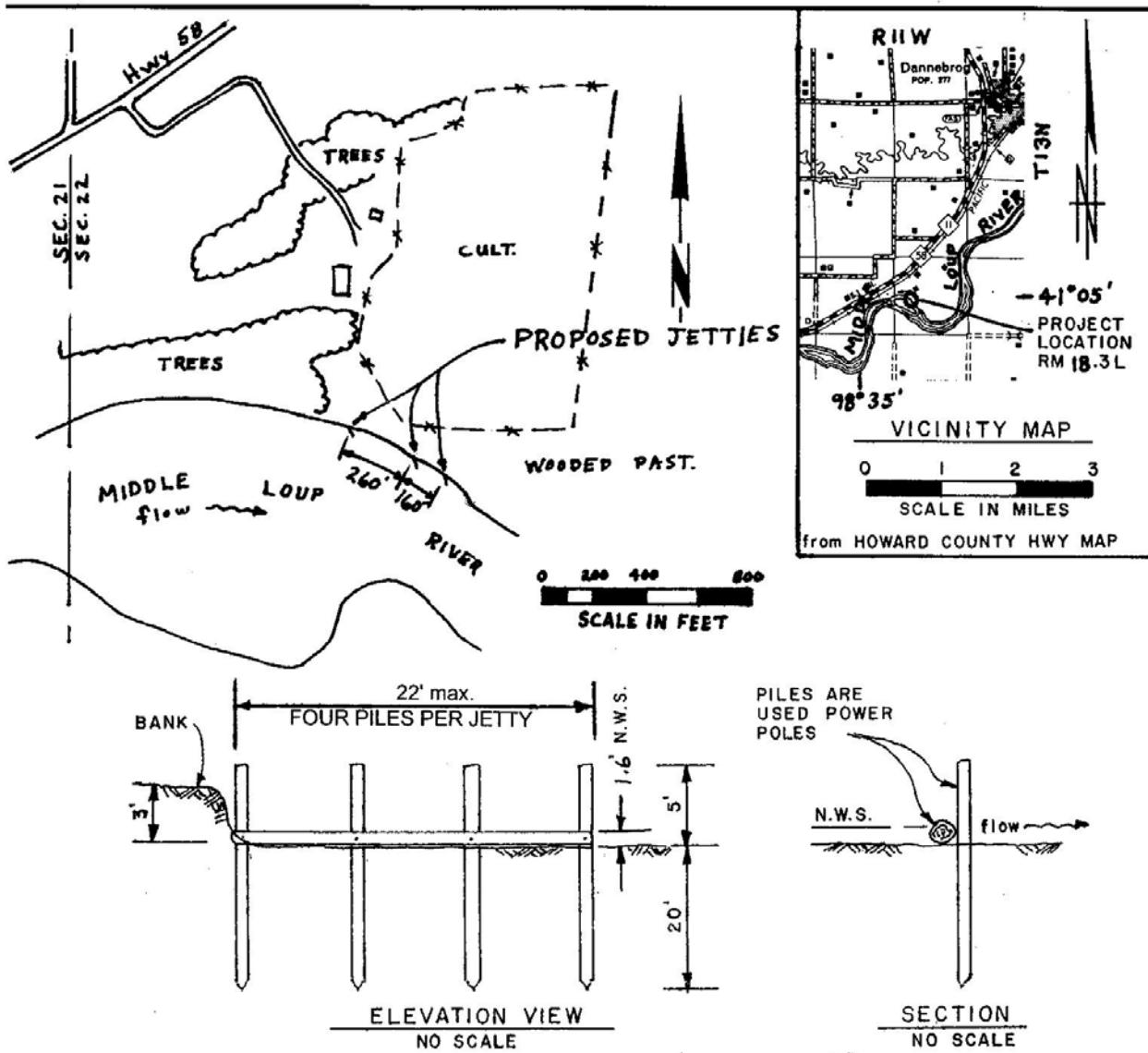
Anyone whose interests may be affected by the proposed/completed work is invited to submit favorable or unfavorable written comments to the **Kearney Regulatory Office 2214 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Kearney, NE 68847-6856** or **send an e-mail to [barbara.j.friskopp@usace.army.mil](mailto:barbara.j.friskopp@usace.army.mil)**. The District Engineer is particularly interested in receiving comments related to the proposal's probable impacts on the affected aquatic system's functional values, cumulative and secondary effects and endangered species. All comments received will be considered public information; copies of all comments, including names and addresses of commentors, may be provided to the applicant unless confidentiality is requested. Comments must be submitted on or before the expiration date (located at the top of the first page) of this notice to be considered in the subsequent actions on this application.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Before the expiration date of this notice, anyone may request, in writing, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests shall specifically state the reason(s) for holding a public hearing. If the District Engineer determines that the information received in response to this notice is inadequate for thorough evaluation, a public hearing may be warranted. If a public hearing is warranted, interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For additional information, please **call Mrs. Barb Friskopp at (308) 234-1403**.

**REQUEST TO POSTMASTERS:** Please post this notice conspicuously and continuously until the expiration date specified at the top of page one.

**NOTICE TO EDITORS:** This notice is provided as background information for your use in formatting news stories. This notice is not a contract for classified display or advertising.



**NOTES:**

Total Fill = 15 wooden members.

Normal Water Surface (N.W.S.) equals 25% exceedance discharge.

Purpose: Bank protection for private property.

**Proposed Wooden Jetties**

In Middle Loup River ( R. M. 18.3L )

Near Dannebrog, NE

SW1/4 Section 22, T13N, R11W

County: Howard

State: NEBRASKA

Application by: Gary Rosenbach

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Location of Fence Jetties





Site Location in Relationship to the Nearest Town -- Dannebrog