LONG PINE CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

OPEN HOUSE/CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2018

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2 STATE WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE (SWQI) FUNDS AND EQIP

SWQI

- NRCS works with Farmers and Ranchers in watersheds to improve water quality where there's a critical concern.
- Financial assistance to implement conservation practices
- Reduce nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment contributions from Ag fields.
- Eligible producers receive assistance under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to install practices such as:
 - Nutrient Management, Cover Crops, Conservation Cropping Systems, Filter Strips, Terraces and Water Quality Monitoring.
- Funding for 5 years
 - 2015-2019

STATE WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE (SWQI) FUNDS AND EQIP

- <u>Best Management Practices (BMP's):</u>
 - Irrigation Water Management: 23 plans of which there is 8,329.9 acres.
 - Fencing (Controlled Access Fencing): 5 plans of which there is, 15,509' or 2.94 miles.
 - <u>Watering Facility (Alternate Water Source)</u>: 4 plans of which there is 16 total.
 - Cover Crops: 10 plans of which there is, 2,693.1 acres.
- BMP's will help reduce runoff, reduce sedimentation loads, enhance aquatic habitat and water quality.

STATE WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE (SWQI) FUNDS AND EQIP

- <u>Small Scale Stream Improvements:</u>
 - Mulching
 - Streambank and Shoreline Protection
 - Water and Sediment Control Basin
 - Grade Stabilization Structures: 4 planned and approved for 2018.

Proposed Grade Stabilization Structures

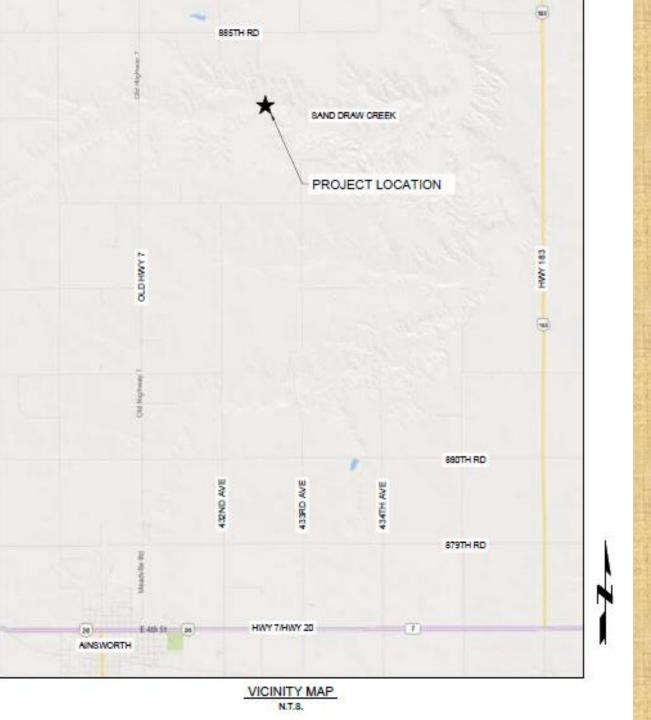


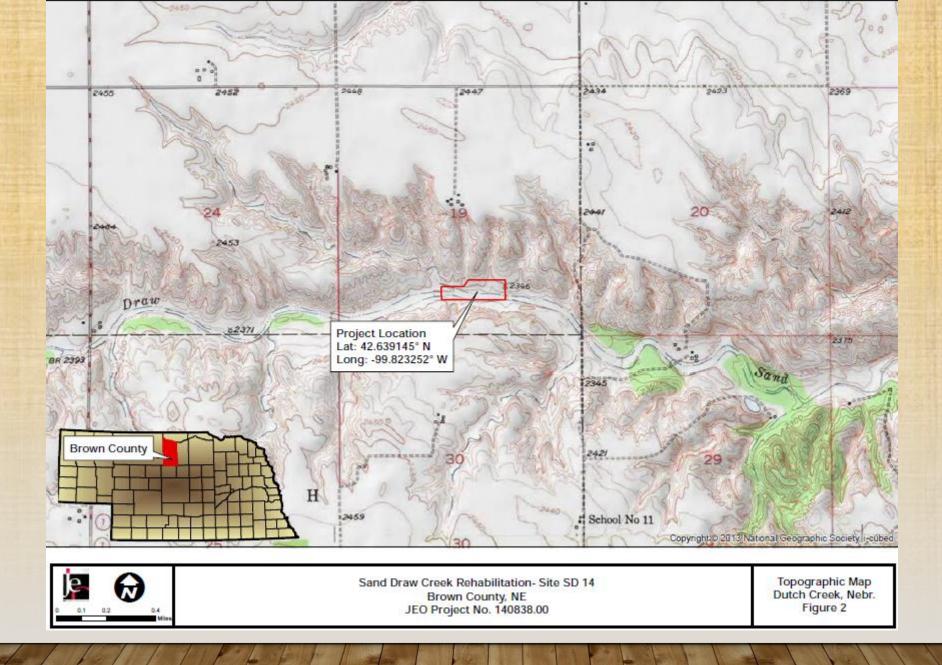
SAND DRAW CREEK REHABILITATION SD-14

- Location
 - Proposed Project: Three Engineered Rock Riffles (ERR) and Bank Stabilization
- JEO Consulting Group
- Clean Water Section 404 Permit
- Easement/s
- Engineered Rock Riffle Access and Construction Designs
- Goals
- Photos of Sand Draw Creek

Sand Draw Creek Rehabilitation SD-14 Project:

(North of Ainsworth approximately 7 miles on Sand Draw Creek)



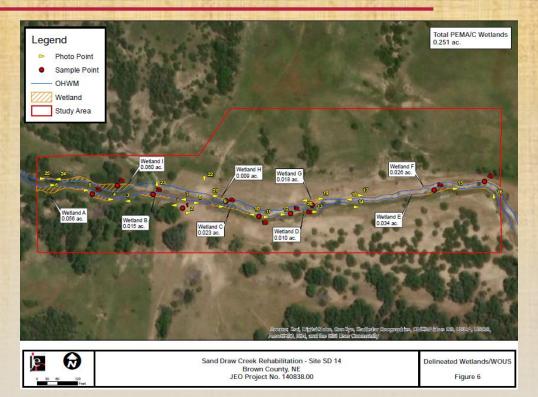


SAND DRAW CREEK REHABILITATION SD-14

• JEO Consulting Group:

• Designs

- Wetland Delineation:
 - Determining the Wetland Boundary
- Permitting Service:
 - Nationwide Permit 27-Aquatic Habitat Restoration,
 - Enhancement and Establishment.
 - Nationwide Permit 27 Pre-Construction Permit



SAND DRAW CREEK REHABILITATION SD-14 CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 404 PERMIT

- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit:
 - Required for the discharge of fill or dredged material in waters of the U.S.
- Time frame: Around 90 Days

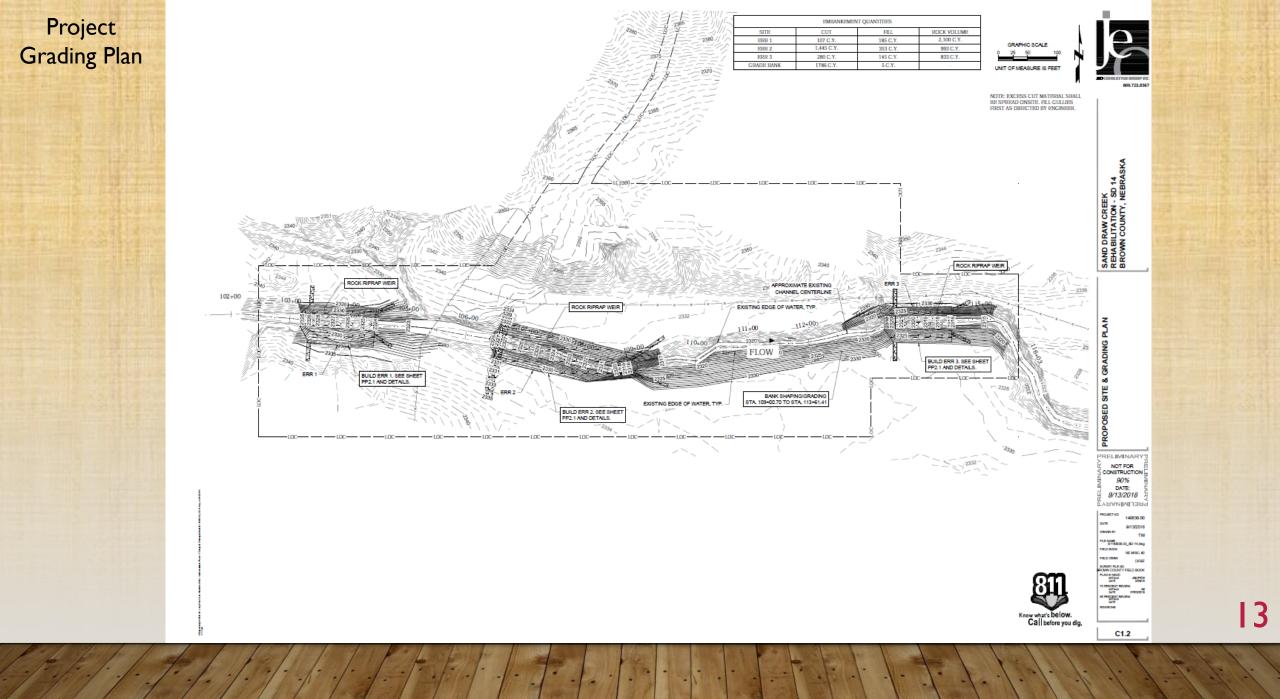


SAND DRAW CREEK REHABILITATION SD-14 EASEMENT

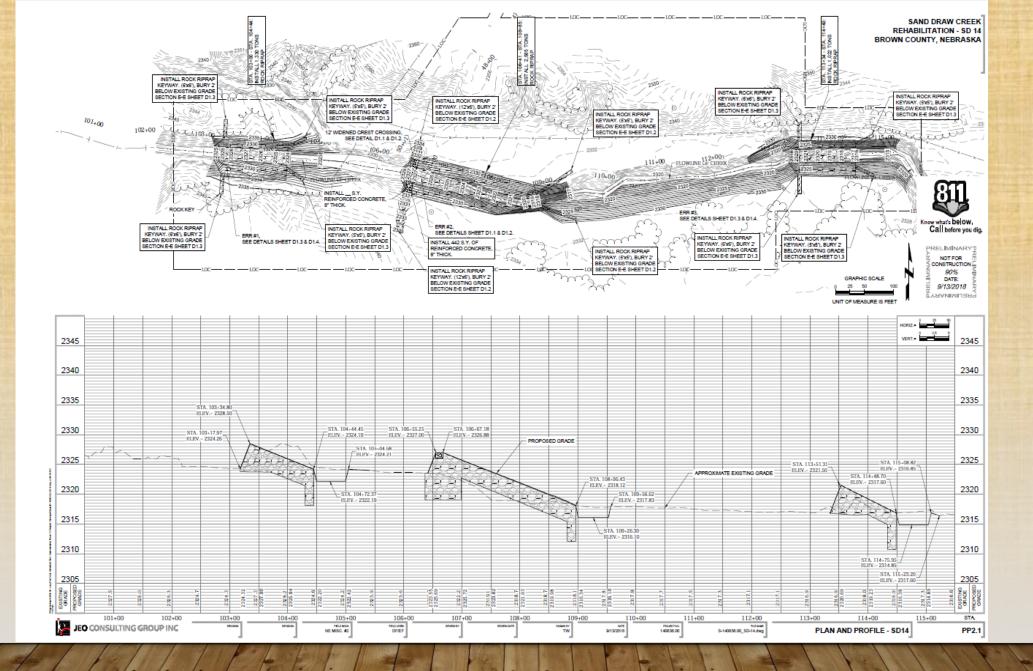
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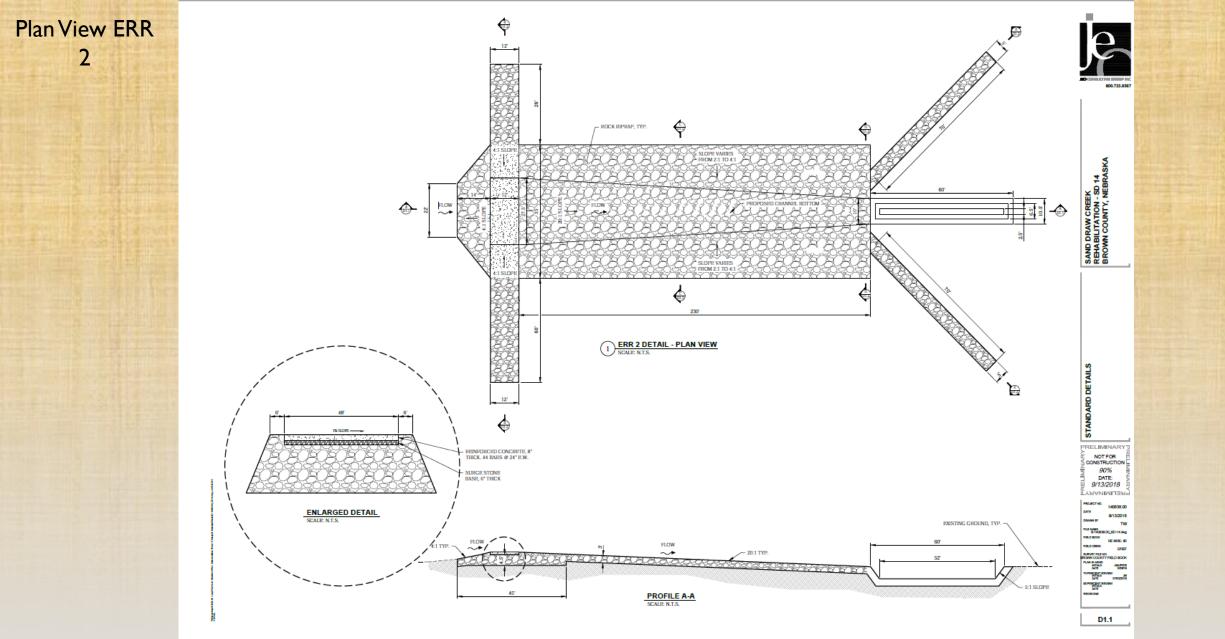
- Construction:
 - Rock Hauling
 - Implementation of Structures
- Oversee:
 - Annual Inspections, Maintenance and the possible Big Rain Events

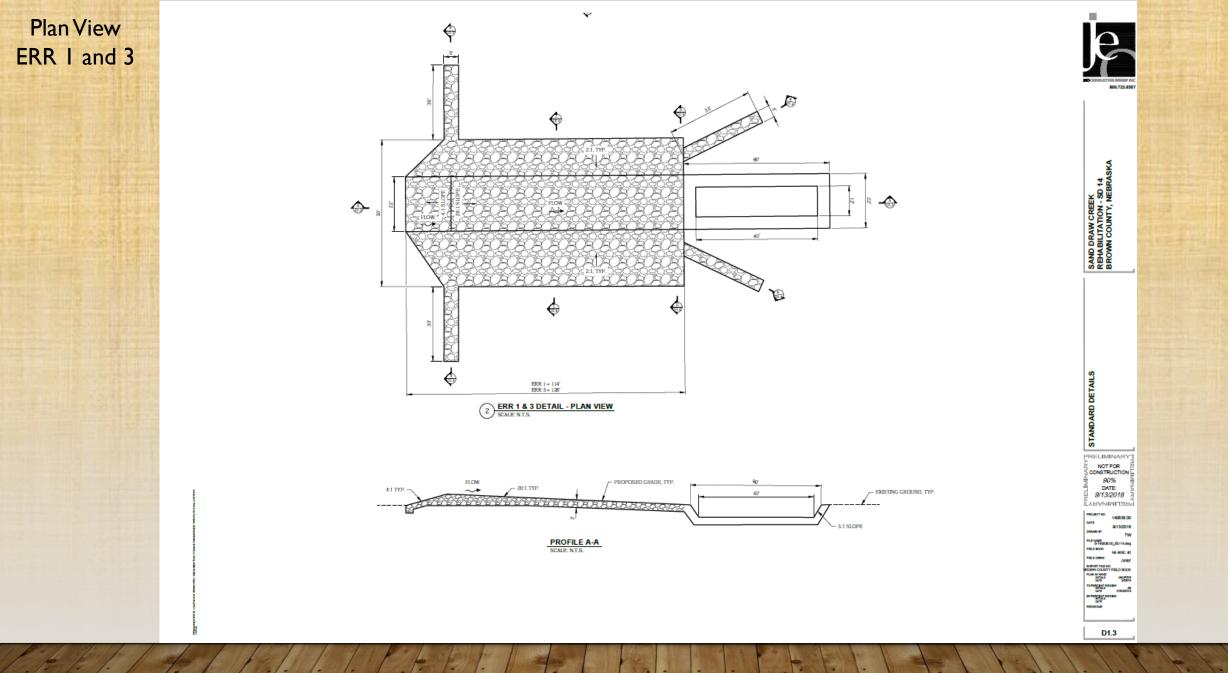




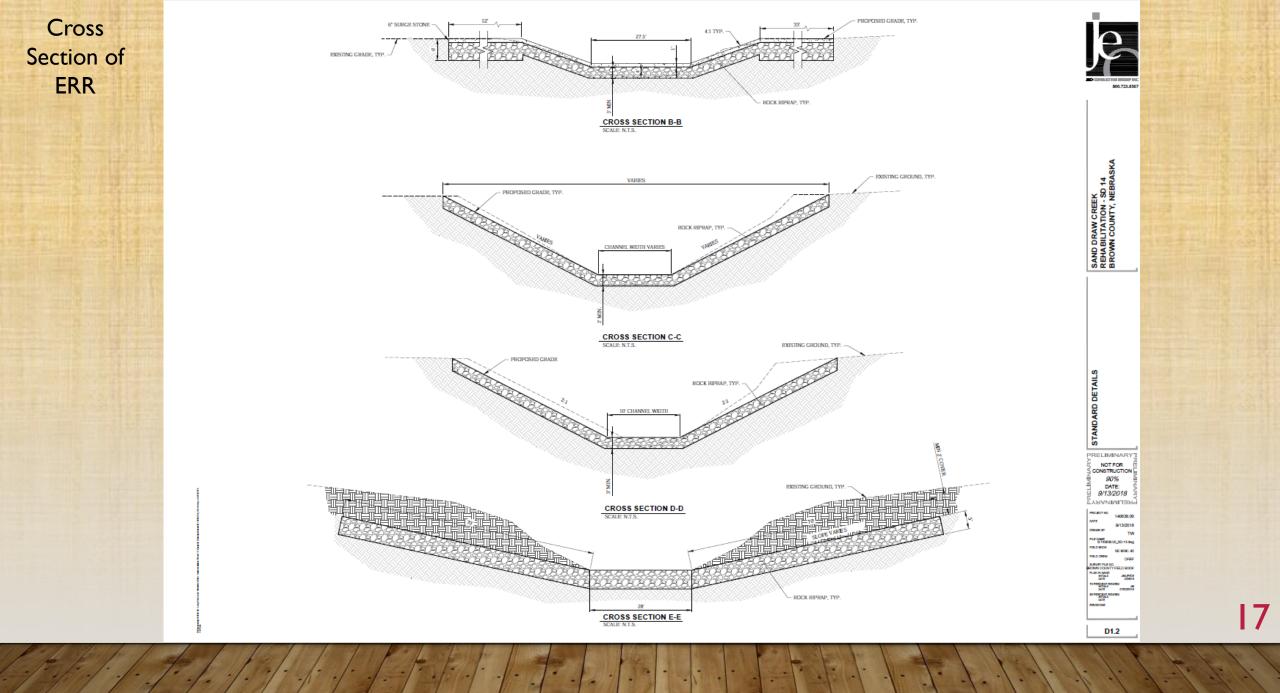
Project Profile View

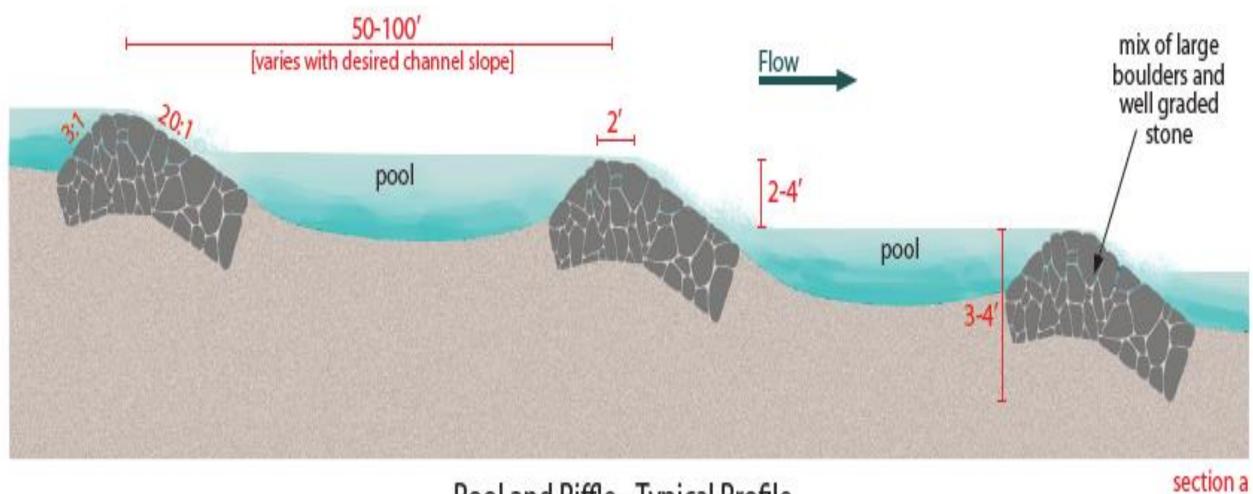




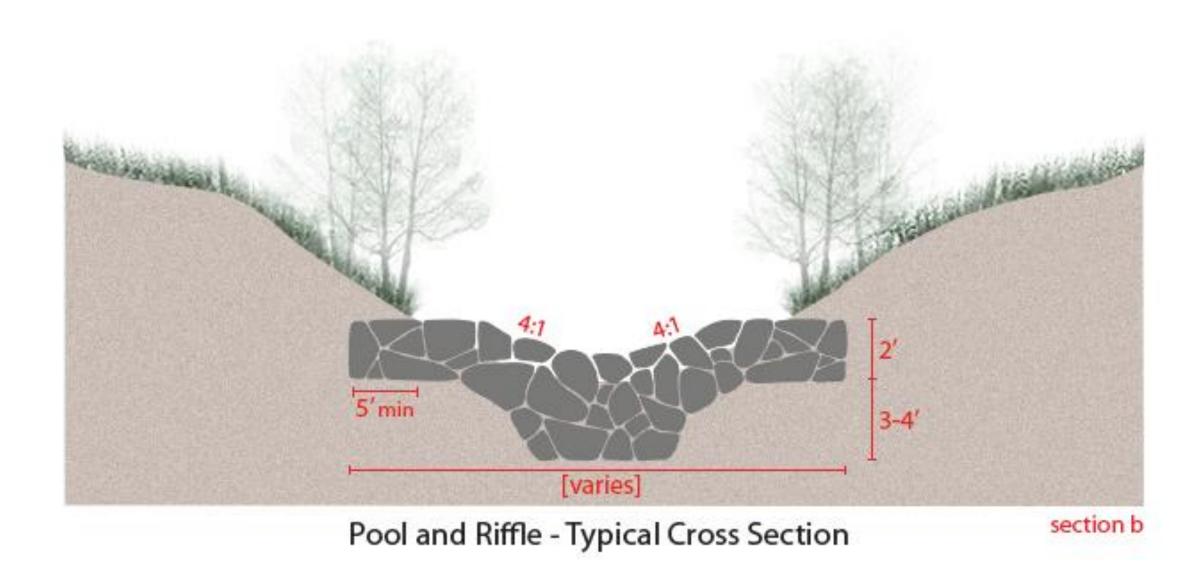


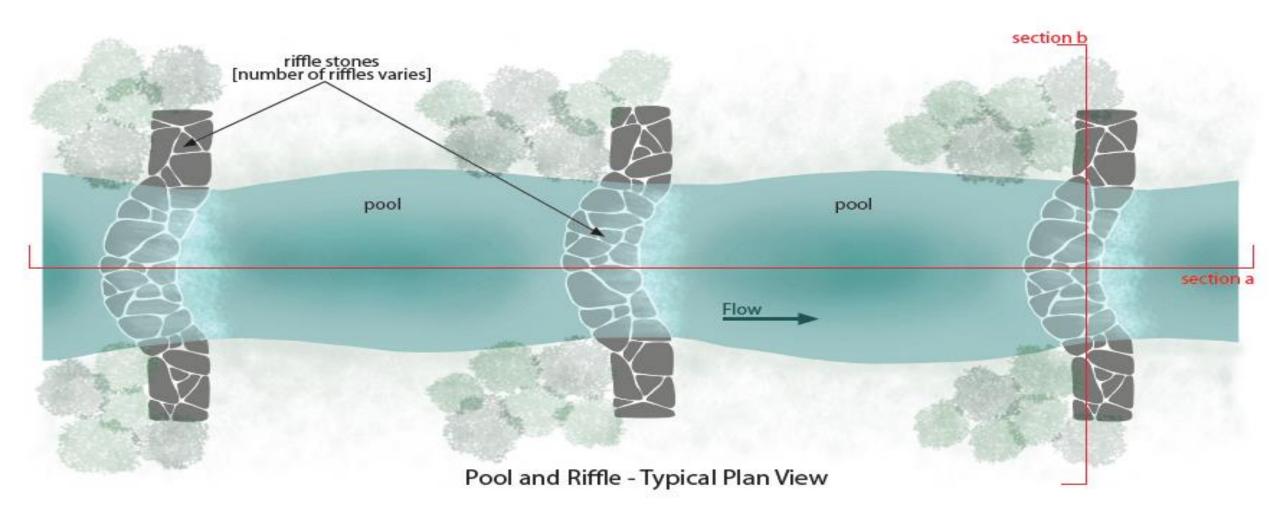
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Pool and Riffle - Typical Profile





Pool and Riffle [Diagrams are not drawn to scale]



SAND DRAW CREEK REHABILITATION SD-14 GOALS AND PROJECT SIZE

<u>Project SD-14's implementation will mitigate the effects of the fundamental changes to Sand Draw</u> <u>Creek by implementing measures such as these:</u>

- Improving Water Quality
- Restoring Streambed Elevation
- Controlling Stream Bed and Bank Erosion
- Improving Ecological Diversity (Both In-Stream and On Land)
- Preventing Further Damage To Infrastructure
- Preventing Further Loss of Agricultural Land
- Reducing Downstream Sedimentation

Project Size: .0193 acres or 496 linear feet

SAND DRAW CREEK REHABILITATION SD-14 GOALS CONTINUED...



Sand Draw Box Culvert looking to the east, below Old Highway 7 north of Ainsworth, NE.



Sand Draw Box Culvert looking to the west of Old Highway 7 north of Ainsworth, NE.

View looking south over the location of the proposed main (ERR #2) Engineered Rock Riffle/Weir.











SAND DRAW CREEK REHABILITATION SD-14 ECOLOGICAL REFERENCE SITE



STREAM SAMPLING

- Long Pine Creek Watershed
- Level Loggers
 - Water Level
 - Temperature
 - Pressure
- Channel Widths and Velocities
 - Stream flow or Velocity shows of how the water is flowing.
- All Units Combined:
 - Gives ideas on how to plan, design and implement structures that are capable of holding the amount of water flow.





- USDA-NRCS/Background
- Proposed Action
- Purpose and Need For Action
- Costs/Estimated Budget Timeline
- Partnerships

Background:

- USDA-NRCS Funding:
 - Helps Federal, State, Local and Tribal Government (Project Sponsors) Protect and Restore Watersheds up to 250,000-acre threshold.
 - Investing \$150,000,000.00 in 51 new projects in the 48 states.
 - Funding is also included on 41 additional existing projects in 11 states.
- Purpose of the WFPO Funds:
 - Erosion and Sediment Control, Watershed Protection, Flood Prevention, Water Quality Improvements, Rural, Municipal and Industrial Water Supply, Water Management, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Hydropower Sources.

<u>Background Continued:</u>

- Combined two plans into one plan (Long Pine Creek Watershed Improvement Project):
 - Long Pine Creek Watershed Plan 224, 092 acres
 - Bone Creek Watershed Plan 108, 222 acres
- Eligibility:
 - The project area is more than the 250,000 acre threshold but was gave a variance to consolidate the 2 plans into one.
 - The watershed area is vastly agricultural in nature.

Proposed Action:

- What will take place? What is going to happen? What does the future hold for potential projects?
- A plan that will guide the MNNRD to effectively locate structural and non-structural projects
 - Achieve watershed protection, agricultural water management and public fish and wildlife goals for the watershed

- Projects included:
 - Construction of various wetlands
 - Small Ponds
 - Grade Control Structures
 - Streambank Stabilization
 - Instillation of Aquatic Habitat

The Purpose And Need for Action:

- The purpose of project is:
- Watershed Protection
- Public Fish and Wildlife
- Agricultural Water Management
- Water Quality Management

Need for Action:

 Addressing Stream Degradation due to excessive water flow which is degrading aquatic habitat and property.

• Estimated Budget Timeline:

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Task 1: MNNRD Administration	\$29,500.00	\$1,404.91	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76	\$1,404.76		1 31	
Task 2: Public Participation	\$51,312.50	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45	\$2,443.45			
Task 3: Site Data Collection	\$120,302.50				\$24,060.50	\$24,060.50	\$24,060.50	\$24,060.50	\$24,060.50																
Task 4: Conceptual Design Alternatives	\$168,642.50		1000	1		\$33,728.50	\$33,728.50	\$33,728.50	\$33,728.50	\$33,728.50	SUPERIOR	THE U		al inte	IN TOY			1 ares	ITY -		1	a town	1	1	1
Task 5: Writing Draft Plan-EA for NRCS Review	\$93,318.50				\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72	\$10,368.72									-			
Task 6: Draft Plan-EA for NWMC and NHQ Review	\$85,602.50												\$28,534.16	\$28,534.16	\$28,534.16										
Task 7: Public Meeting and Interagency Comments	\$6,312.50																\$3,156.25	\$3,156.25							
Task 8: Final Plan-EA	\$76,312.50																	\$25,437.50	\$25,437.50	\$25,437.50					
Task 9: Final Plan-EA Submitted for Authorization	\$33,696.50																			\$8,424.12	\$8,424.12	\$8,424.12	\$8,424.12		
Monthly Costs Cumulative Monthly Costs		\$3,848.36 \$3,848.36							\$72,005.93 \$337,845.93																

TOTAL \$665,000.00

• Partnerships:

- <u>Nebraska Department of Environmental Equality (NDEQ)</u>: Provides funding through Nonpoint Source Program 319 Funding; including funding provided in 2013 for the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) and 2016/2017 for construction of stream restoration projects in Sand Draw Creek.
- <u>The Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET)</u>: A state lottery funded organization that contributes money to organizations to conserve, enhance, and restore natural environments of Nebraska.
- Landowners: Allowing property access to install projects and Best Management Practices (BMP's).
- <u>NE Game and Parks Commission</u>: Potential financial and technical assistance partner through its Cool Water Streams Initiative.

GRANTS

- NDEQ 319 LPCW Implementation Phase I (56-1581):
 - \$97,500
- NDEQ 319 LPCW Implementation Phase II (17-167):
 - \$299,000
- NET Long Pine Creek Watershed Phase I (15-216-2-2) 2015:
 - \$250,000
- NET Long Pine Creek Watershed Phase II (18-175) 2017:
 - \$282,780

LONG PINE CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STAKEHOLDERS

PREVIOUS STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS:

- October 2014
- June 2016
- March 2018

UPCOMING STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS:

- Open House (December 10th, 2018)
- Future Meetings will be planned with the progress and updates of the LPCW Management, Projects and BMP's.



THANK YOU

