Public Notice
Scoping Meeting
City of Pine Bluff and Surrounding Areas Watershed Project, Jefferson County, Arkansas

Communities located within the project area: Atkins Lake, Baldwin, Dexter, Donaldsonville, Eastwood, Fairfield, Glenlake, Hardin, Henslee Heights, Hooker, Ladd, Leitner, Oakland Heights, Pine Bluff, Plain View, Samples, Sulphur Springs, Warbritton, Watson Chapel, West End, White Hall, Whitefield, Wilkins, Yorktown

The Arkansas Black Mayors Association, the project sponsor and fiscal agent, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) are beginning the planning process to develop a Watershed Plan and Environmental assessment for the authorized purpose of flood prevention with an emphasis on benefits to people and property in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas. The City of Pine Bluff watershed project is located in nine 12-digit HUC watersheds in Pine Bluff and surrounding areas of Jefferson County, Arkansas. The project is authorized by Public Law 83-566, the Watershed and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, as amended. The USDA-NRCS invites members of the public and regulatory agencies to a Scoping Meeting on the watershed project.

The meeting will be:

January 20, 2024, at 10:00AM (Central Standard Time)
Pine Bluff Convention Center I
1 Convention Center Dr
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

The meeting will seek feedback and public participation consistent with the NRCS's watershed planning process and requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires NRCS to review the potential impacts on the natural and human environments associated with the project. Public participation is welcome.

The meeting will be in an open house, come-and-go format, with information available on the proposed watershed project and the associated NEPA and watershed planning processes. NRCS invites all interested parties to attend and learn about the project, as well as provide comments and suggestions with respect to the scope of the proposed project.

Written comments must be postmarked or received by February 19, 2024 (30 days after meeting), and may be submitted at the meeting; mailed to (EJES-FTN JV, Attn: Philip Massirer (Project Manager), 3 Innwood Cir Ste 220, Little Rock, AR 72211); or submitted electronically to (e-mail address) phm@ftn-assoc.com

Anyone interested in attending the meeting who has special communication or accommodation needs is encouraged to contact Scott Smallwood at Christoper.Smallwood@usda.gov or via phone at 501-301-3142 in advance of the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet the requested special accommodation.