



Pete Ricketts, Governor

12 May 2021

**Subject: Join the Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources at Upcoming State Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meetings**

Dear Stakeholder:

You and your constituents are invited to participate in a public input opportunity near you! Meetings are being held to collect public input related to impacts from historic flooding events that have occurred in Nebraska. Attendees will be able to provide location-based comments regarding impacts, repairs, and improvements that have been made since flood events. NeDNR is also collecting comments on recovery efforts including reimbursement. Participants will be able to learn about resources related to floodplain regulations and gain a better understanding of oversight at the local, state, and federal level. Meetings are being held across the State of Nebraska during the first week of June 2021:

**Tuesday, June 1**, at 10 AM – 12 PM CDT; **Lincoln, NE** (public hearing to begin at 11 a.m.)  
Jayne Snyder Trails Center, 250 North 21st Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

**Tuesday, June 1**, at 5 PM – 7 PM CDT; **Kearney, NE**  
Kearney Public Library, 2020 1st Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847

**Wednesday, June 2**, at 1 PM – 3 PM MDT; **Alliance, NE**  
Alliance City Library, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue # 101, Alliance, NE 69301

**Thursday, June 3**, at 10 AM – 12 PM CDT; **Valentine, NE**  
Mid-Plains Community College Valentine Campus, 715 East HWY 20, Valentine, NE 69201

**Thursday, June 3**, at 5 PM – 7 PM CDT; **Norfolk, NE**  
Divots Conference Center, 4200 West Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701

Public input can also be provided by contacting NeDNR at (402) 471-2363, the mailing address below, or through the NeDNR website at <https://dnr.nebraska.gov/floodplain/nebraska-flood-hazard-mitigation-plan>. A self-guided virtual meeting will also be made available through this

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website. Comments submitted through the virtual meeting or mail must be received by NeDNR by 5:00 p.m. on July 6, 2021.

These meetings are provided under the provisions of *Neb. Rev. Stat. §61-228*. Information collected will provide a baseline for the State Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan which will be developed over the next 12 months. The resulting plan will identify cost-effective flood mitigation strategies to reduce the disruption of lives and livelihoods, and prioritize making Nebraska communities more resilient, and identify opportunities to implement flood hazard mitigation strategies that reduce the impact of flood events. The plan development process will work to improve knowledge and understanding of available recovery resources while identifying potential gaps in current disaster program delivery, and identify potential funding sources that can be used to improve resilience of the state through flood mitigation and post-flood disaster recovery.

We look forward to your participation in developing this important resource for the State of Nebraska. If you have any questions or comments regarding the project, please contact Adele Phillips at (402) 471-9252 or [adele.phillips@nebraska.gov](mailto:adele.phillips@nebraska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas E. Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Thomas E. Riley, P.E.  
Director