



## From the Coordinator...

**\*Monthly Report for the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance for the Month of September 2007\***

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## FEATURED PROJECT

### Camp Ashland River Obstruction Removal Project – PHASE II

After a lot of project planning, PHASE II of this project is ready to commence. Working with Olsson Associates, we prepared the specifications for this phase of the project, which will remove the final 6 concrete former Hwy 6 Bridge and 11 additional wooden pilings further upstream from Camp Ashland. Bids packets were distributed over the past month and on Oct 2, bids were opened. We had a lot of interest in the project and received 3 bids ranging from a low base bid of \$250,749 to a high of \$372,680. A bid summary is listed below. Additionally, the full bid tabulation sheet is included as a separate Excel spreadsheet. The base bid (Bid Section I) is for removal of the 6 concrete obstructions only (from the east or Beacon View side), while Bid Section II is for removal of the 11 wooden pilings. Bid Section IA is for removal of the 6 concrete obstructions from the west side (Camp Ashland side). The LPSNRD will review and act on the bids on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

|   | Valley Corporation  | Zeiger Construction Co. | Pavers, Inc.        |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Bid Section I - Removal of 6 concrete obs - Access from <b>east</b> side            | <b>\$250,749.00</b> | <b>\$265,175.00</b>     | <b>\$372,680.00</b> |
| Alternate Bid Section IA - Removal of 6 concrete obs - Access from <b>west</b> side | <b>NO BID</b>       | <b>\$398,350.00</b>     | <b>NO BID</b>       |
| Bid Section II - Removal of 11 add'l wooden pilings                                 | <b>\$35,400.00</b>  | <b>\$88,000.00</b>      | <b>\$185,000.00</b> |
| TOTAL Bid I & II  | <b>\$286,149.00</b> | <b>\$353,175.00</b>     | <b>\$557,680.00</b> |
| TOTAL Bid IA & II   | <b>NA</b>           | <b>\$486,350.00</b>     | <b>NA</b>           |
| Engineering Costs   | <b>\$23,800.00</b>  | <b>\$23,800.00</b>      | <b>\$23,800.00</b>  |
| <b>LOWEST TOTAL COST</b>  | <b>\$309,949.00</b> | <b>\$376,975.00</b>     | <b>\$581,480.00</b> |

Bids did come in higher than the engineering estimate of \$235,000. Thus, we plan to re-allocate funds from other projects and categories to carry out the project including removal of both the concrete obstructions and wooden pilings. Funding for this project comes from the 3 Lower Platte River NRDs, the NE Military Dept (NE National Guard), and the NE Game & Parks Commission (NG&PC) Boating Safety Grant program.

## PROGRAMS / PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES - Updates

Environmental Suitability Assessment (ESA) Project- PHASE II. Recently, we met with several communities (Yutan, Waterloo, Valley, Bellevue, Gretna, Louisville, Cedar Creek, and Springfield) for the Needs Assessment component of this project. We still need to meet with Ashland and Plattsmouth and the counties in the PHASE II area, which stretches from Fremont to the mouth. Once we gather input from all communities and counties on their land use needs in natural areas, we will compile the information and begin the McHargian-style analysis where we overlay natural/environmental features and identify environmental constraints.

Cumulative Impact Study – PHASE II. CIS partners met on Oct 4 at the LPSNRD. We are still working towards a deadline of Dec 31, 2007 for completion of the GIS. The final report may take a little longer to complete. The Hydrologic Component (conducted by the USGS) is near 99% complete. The entire study will be included in the CIS Final Report as an appendix and a summary will be added in the text portion of the report. This information will be used to determine trends in river hydrology. The partners are currently developing the final report format and contents. The next partner meeting will be November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the LPSNRD starting at 10 am.

Water Quality Monitoring Network. The USGS is finishing up year 1 of this program. We experienced several problems this year due to high river levels including damage to monitoring sensors and delays in taking samples. Because of these problems, we have modified our monitoring and sampling approach for next year. A website has been set-up to allow access to the monitoring and sampling data. Go to <http://ne.water.usgs.gov>.

UNL Community & Regional Planning Class. Recently, I made a presentation to a UNL Community & Regional Planning undergrad/graduate class on the Lower Platte River Corridor. Additionally, I assisted in a class tour of the region and will continue to help out as the class conducts projects related to the future development in the Lower Platte River Corridor.

### Upcoming/Recent Meetings & Events

LPNNRD Board of Directors Meeting – Held on Monday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 \* 7:00 p.m. \* LPNNRD Office – 511 Commercial Road \* Wahoo.

P-MRNRD Board of Directors Meeting – Thursday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 \* 8:00 p.m. \* 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St - NRC \* Omaha, NE

LPSNRD Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 \* 7:00 p.m. \* 3125 Portia Street \* Lincoln.

LPRCA Quarterly Meeting – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 \* 9:00 a.m. tour \* 9:30 a.m. – noon meeting \* UNL Hardin Hall – East Campus / Rm 901 \* 33<sup>rd</sup> & Holdrege Streets \* Lincoln, NE. TOPICS: NG&PC Biological Opinion for Lower Platte River / WQ Open / Airboat Tour / WQ Monitoring Network