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# News Release

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## Two Public Scoping Meetings for Hunter's Run Watershed Rehabilitation Project Set for Dec. 2

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 3, 2021** – U.S. Department of Agriculture -Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), and the Hunter's Run Conservancy District, are sponsoring two Public Scoping Meetings to discuss the **proposed rehabilitation of the Hunter's Run Conservancy District Structures 4 and 9 in Fairfield County, Ohio. The meetings will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams.**

The first meeting at 1 p.m. is primarily for agencies, organizations, watershed associations, etc. but is also open to the public. The virtual meeting link for the agency scoping meeting is <https://bit.ly/3mzdB1C> and the phone call in number is [917-768-5183](tel:917-768-5183) and the pass code is [9004068#](tel:9004068).

The evening meeting at 6 p.m. is for local residents and the general public. The virtual meeting link for the general public meeting is <https://bit.ly/3uZqDcp> and the phone call in number is [917-768-5183](tel:917-768-5183) and the pass code is [214779890#](tel:214779890).

Additional project information may be found on the NRCS website at [www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov) and the Hunter's Run Conservancy District website at [www.huntersruncd.org](http://www.huntersruncd.org)

Representatives from the Local Sponsors and NRCS, along with their consultants, will provide information on the dam rehabilitation program, planning activities to date for the Hunter's Run dams, describe the various rehabilitation alternatives being considered for these flood control structures, answer questions and concerns about the planned activities and seek public input.

The dams provide flood protection to residents of Fairfield County, the Community of Hooker, and the City of Lancaster located downstream as well as recreational opportunities. **Local sponsors, NRCS staff, and their consultants are** developing a plan for rehabilitating these dams so that they meet current dam safety regulations and design standards. Alternatives being considered include: no action, decommissioning (dam removal), structural rehabilitation, and nonstructural measures.

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Federal funding has been received to assist the local sponsors in developing the plan but has not yet been secured for the design or construction of these projects.

NRCS provides reasonable accommodations to enable all persons with disabilities to participate in agency programs and activities. If you require special accommodations, please contact Justin Glier by November 22, 2021. For further information on the meetings, contact Justin Glier, Civil Engineer, NRCS, at (614) 653-3494 or Justin.Glier@usda.gov.

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