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2nd Public Meeting – Brush Creek Watershed Dam Site 12 Rehabilitation Project Set for March 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Morgantown, W.Va., February 12, 2024 – USDA'S Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is hosting a Public Meeting to discuss the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Brush Creek Site 12 Dam in Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia. Brush Creek Site 12 is a flood control dam being considered for rehabilitation on Glady Fork (tributary of Brush Creek) approximately one mile west of the city of Princeton.

This is the second of three meetings where the public is encouraged to engage in the process of preparing the EA. The meeting will present findings of completed studies to date including potential rehabilitation alternatives for Brush Creek Site 12. Additionally, this meeting will solicit input from the public on items and concerns that they want to be considered in evaluations and answer questions about the planned activities. Representatives from NRCS, West Virginia Conservation Agency, Mercer County Commission, the Southern Conservation District, and the technical consulting team will be present to answer questions about the project and process. Federal funding has been received to assist the Local Sponsors in developing this EA but has not yet been secured for design or construction.

This meeting will be a hybrid in-person and virtual Zoom meeting occurring at the Gardner Center located at 241 Mercer Springs Road, Princeton, WV 24740 on March 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to attend virtually, type the following Zoom link in to your browser:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82264167228?pwd=WDJMR3RNRjJ3dWRJYkh6ZmdWQnJvUT09 or use the call-in information. Call-in number: 1-719-359-4580 Meeting ID: 822 6416 7228 Passcode: 211625.

Comments or questions may be submitted until April 26, 2024, by mail to Derrick Crane, 1550 Earl Core Road Suite 200, Morgantown, WV 26505 or by email to derrick.crane@usda.gov. Additional information is available on the NRCS web site, which can be accessed as follows: <u>https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wv-watershed-rehab</u>. Updates will be posted to the website throughout the planning process to keep interested parties informed on the project progress.

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