

## Memo

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance – Obstruction Removal Project

Date: July 24, 2006

From: Gerry Bowen

In 2005-06, the LPRCA in cooperation with the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) completed an obstruction removal project adjacent to, and upstream of Highway 50. The approximate cost to the District was \$87,500.

The second obstruction removal project being proposed is located upstream of Highway 6 at Camp Ashland (see attached map). It is again proposed as a partnership project of the LPRCA. The partners are the Nebraska Army National Guard, NGPC, Lower Platte North NRD, Lower Platte South NRD, and the Papio (see attached agreement).

The estimated cost of the project is \$247,000, with the funds to be provided as follows:

Partner	Contribution
NE Army National Guard	\$125,000
NGPC Grant	\$61,000
LPNNRD	\$28,000
LPSNRD	\$5,000
P-MRNRD	\$28,000
Total	<b>\$247,000</b>

The LPSNRD will act as the contracting agent for the project. The funds shown above are included in the FY 07 Budget.

It is intended that the project bid during September and a contract awarded prior to October 1, 2006.

**It is recommended that the Subcommittee Recommend to the Board that the Acting General manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement for the Camp Ashland River Obstruction Removal Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the Acting General Manager, and approved as to form by the District Legal Counsel.**



**Camp Ashland Obstruction Removal Project**



**Beacon View**

**Linoma Beach**

**US HWY. 9**

**Platte River**

**Burlington Northern RR**

**North** ↑

**Project Location** ↑

**Camp Ashland**

**255TH ST**



**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
CAMP ASHLAND RIVER OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT  
LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR**

This Agreement (hereinafter “this Agreement”) is made by and between the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (“LPSNRD”), the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (“P-MRNRD”), and the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (“LPNNRD”) collectively referred to hereinafter as the “DISTRICTS.”

**RECITALS**

A. The DISTRICTS along with six state agencies entered into a separate interlocal agreement in 1996 to create the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance (“LPRCA”). The LPRCA has as a part of its primary mission, the protection, enhancement, and restoration of the Lower Platte River’s resources.

B. The DISTRICTS desire to voluntarily enter into this Agreement for the purpose of conducting a river obstruction removal project near Camp Ashland connecting Saunders and Sarpy Counties in the Lower Platte River Corridor (“Corridor”). Six sets of two obstructions (twelve total identified by visual inspection) have been identified in the project vicinity, comprised of galvanized steel tubes, concrete, wooden pilings, and other yet to be determined materials. These obstructions are the result of the historical removal of a road bridge, presumably an old Hwy 6 or county road, which left remnant pilings, supports, and other obstructions. The Camp Ashland River Obstruction Removal Project (“PROJECT”) proposes to remove the 12 identified obstructions with the possibility to remove additional obstructions and debris if deemed necessary and feasible, and if agreed upon by all parties. The overall River Obstruction Removal Program, which includes the PROJECT and the Hwy 50 project completed in early 2006, consists of twelve identified and prioritized locations throughout the Lower Platte River Corridor (“Corridor”). This agreement

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refers only to the PROJECT and additional scoping will be needed to undertake future additional removal projects.

C. The 110-mile long Corridor, which stretches from Columbus to the mouth near Plattsmouth, is an important area for many reasons. The LPRCA has identified 8 areas of focus as the “8 Reasons to Protect the Lower Platte River.” Those pertinent to this project include:

Recreation – Known as the “Platte River Playground” – Corridor averages 3 million visitors and \$30 million annual income and is used extensively by airboaters, canoeists, rafters, and swimmers;

Fishing Resources – Over 53 species identified including T&E species such as pallid sturgeon and sturgeon chub;

Tourism – Five of top tourist attractions in Nebraska located in corridor – many tied

to the natural qualities of the area; Wildlife Habitat – Unique mix of habitats including oak

woodlands, oak-hickory forests, wetlands, cottonwood stands, backwaters, sandbars, riverine, and

riparian areas - Provides one of last contiguous natural habitat areas in eastern Nebraska.

D. Natural Resources Districts carry out programs and projects that help educate, provide technical and financial assistance, and provide information necessary to make informed decisions and develop management strategies and plans to protect our natural resources. Natural Resources Districts have twelve primary statutory responsibilities. Those directly related to this project include:

- Prevention of damages from flood water & sediment
- Flood prevention and control
- Water supply for any beneficial use
- Development & management of fish & wildlife habitat
- Development & management of recreational & park facilities

In consideration of the above recitals and the mutual promises and covenants contained herein the parties agree as follows:

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1. Authority: This Agreement is made pursuant to authority provided in the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, without a separate entity or agency being created, and whenever possible, this Agreement shall be construed to be in conformity therewith.
2. Administration: The LPSNRD shall have the lead role and responsibility for administering the activities undertaken in the PROJECT and for entering into contracts with others.
3. Goals of the Project: In order to address the removal of river obstructions at Camp Ashland, the PROJECT will use previous inventory data/information and a preliminary, non-intrusive assessment conducted under separate contract by the Nebraska Army National Guard / Nebraska Military Department to develop a scope of work and technique for removal of river obstructions. As a part of the preliminary assessment and project scoping, types and numbers of obstructions will be determined along with accessibility, feasibility of complete removal, debris removal and disposal, and restoration efforts. Removal will be made to at least below grade of the existing riverbed if complete removal is not feasible. Previous obstruction removal at the Lied Bridge and Hwy 50 will serve as a guide for the project.
4. Timetable: The estimated commencement date for the PROJECT is September 22, 2006 with completion estimated to be on or near January 31, 2007. These dates represent estimates only and are subject to change.
5. Contracts: The LPSNRD may enter into contracts with public or private entities to carry out all or portions of this study.
6. Permitting: Since threatened and endangered species are present in this segment of the Lower Platte River, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, and other parties will be consulted for guidance as to appropriate steps

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to address this issue. The United States Department of the Army Corps of Engineers will also be contacted regarding any necessary permitting to carry out the PROJECT as described. Efforts will be made to contact adjacent landowners as a courtesy.

7. Funding: The LPSNRD will collect, hold and disburse funds from the DISTRICTS and other entities involved with the PROJECT as required and agreed upon. DISTRICTS shall contribute the following amounts for the project:

- a. LPSNRD: \$5,000 to be paid in FY 07
- b. P-MRNRD: \$28,000 to be paid in FY 07
- c. LPNNRD: \$28,000 to be paid in FY 07

For FY 07, the DISTRICTS shall contribute a total of \$61,000. Unexpended funds shall carry over to subsequent phases of the overall River Obstruction Removal Program.

8. Funding for Subsequent Phases: Approval of scope and funding for subsequent phases, if any, will require amendments to this Agreement.

9. Other Funding Sources: The LPSNRD, with concurrence from the other parties to this Agreement, may seek other sources of funding to supplement DISTRICTS funds in order to carry out this study including through the Nebraska Army National Guard / Nebraska Military Department and the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission.

10. Effective Date: This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the DISTRICTS.

11. Duration of Agreement: This Agreement shall continue for a period of five years from the effective date. It may be extended by subsequent written agreement of the DISTRICTS. Any one of the DISTRICTS, upon 60 days written notice to the others, may terminate their participation in this Agreement. In the event of such termination by one of the DISTRICTS, the pro-rata portion of all contributions made by the terminating NRD to



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LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Miyoshi, General Manager LPNNRD

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