

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE
AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)
FOR MARNE CREEK, YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing notice of its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a proposed bank stabilization and trail restoration project at various locations along Marne Creek in Yankton, South Dakota. We provide this notice to advise other Federal and State agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and the public of FEMA's intention, as well as to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider during the project planning process. These actions are part of our effort to comply with the general provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); other Federal laws, regulations, and Executive Orders; and our policies for compliance with those laws and regulations including 44 CFR Parts 9 and FEMA Directive 108-1 & Instruction 108-1-1.

The purpose of the proposed action is to repair disaster-damaged infrastructure and to reduce the potential for similar damage in the future. The action is needed to restore and protect life and property due to ongoing erosion and destabilization of Marne Creek. The EA will focus on repair and replacement of bank stabilization, and the restoration of the Auld-Brokaw Trail to address damage sustained as a result of a federally declared disaster event (FEMA 4440-DR-SD) and funded through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program; as well as proposed hazard mitigation measures funded through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

All FEMA funded actions will be completed in compliance with applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, Executive Orders, etc. including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice).

The comment period for the proposed EA will remain open for fifteen days following publication of this notice. After gathering public comments, a draft EA will be prepared and available for public review and comment according to FEMA Directive 108-1 & Instruction 108-1-1, FEMA's implementing procedures for NEPA.

You can provide comments or obtain more detailed information about the proposed project by contacting Becky Baker, Banner Associates, Environmental Lead at beckyb@bannerassocaites.com or Richard Myers, FEMA Region VIII, Deputy Regional Environmental Officer at richard.myers2@fema.gov.