



October 7, 2024

West Virginia Rivers Coalition  
3501 MacCorkle Ave. SE #129  
Charleston, WV 25304

RE: Watershed Project Plan-Environmental Assessment for Wolf Creek in Fayette County, WV

Dear Sir or Madam,

Wolf Creek is a perennial stream that flows from its headwaters near Summerlee to its confluence with the New River near the northern boundary of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, draining portions of Oak Hill and Fayetteville in Fayette County, West Virginia. For many years, the dam and associated reservoir on Wolf Creek were an important source of public drinking water for residents of Fayetteville. However, in recent years, the town has switched its water supply source and no longer relies on the dam and reservoir. The reservoir has continued to fill in with sediment, greatly reducing capacity and negatively impacting water quality. The dam remains in place, creating liability for the town and blocking aquatic organism passage. Now, the town of Fayetteville, in partnership with USDA-NRCS, is exploring options for limiting or eliminating the liability associated with the dam while addressing resource concerns including watershed protection, public fish and wildlife, and public recreation.

The USDA-NRCS, in partnership with the project sponsor, the Town of Fayetteville, is preparing a Watershed Project Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to address liability and resource concerns in Fayette County, West Virginia.

The proposed project (which will be identified during Plan development) would result in a permanent reduction in liability and improved public health and safety. Additional benefits would include stream and riparian habitat improvements and increased public recreational opportunities.

The project would primarily be located in and around Fayetteville in the Wolf Creek Watershed (HUC12 050500040304). Alternatives under consideration may be partially funded through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (Public Law 83- 566). To be eligible for this funding, NRCS and the Town of Fayetteville must develop a Plan-EA with input from stakeholders and the public.



The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions with input from the public.

You are invited to attend one of two public scoping meetings where your input is requested. Topics will include public participation, project objectives, an outline of the planning process and the role of technical entities, participating agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The meeting will also mark the beginning of the scoping process for the Plan-EA.


**Public Scoping Meeting:** November 14, 2024

**Time:** 3-5 and 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** Fayetteville Town Hall, 125 N. Court Street, Fayetteville, WV 25840

For those who prefer to participate virtually, a zoom meeting invitation will be made available. For this information, or any other questions, please contact Clayton Scott at 304-890-7240 or [clayton.scott@usda.gov](mailto:clayton.scott@usda.gov) by November 8, 2024.

Thank you,



Jon Bourdon  
State Conservationist