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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Marshland Watershed Project; Marshland Dike: Soper to Heyner Snohomish County, Washington

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Marshland Watershed Project; Marshland Dike: Soper to Heyner, Snohomish County, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn A. Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rock Pointe Tower II, West 316 Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, Washington 99201-2348, telephone: (509) 353-2337.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Lynn A. Brown, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project was authorized for construction in 1962 under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 83-566) as amended and administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The project (Soper to Heyner) plans to remove the existing, uncompacted dike and the Lowell-Snohomish County River Road and return the area to a natural river levee and associated riparian area. A new dike is planned for construction away from the river and will be built with suitable compacted material. The extent of the dike construction is from a point near the Yoshihara-Soper property line to the upstream end of the section of dike constructed in 1966, amounting to approximately 4,200 feet. The alignment of the 4,200 feet of dike is different than previous alternatives that have been evaluated in the marshland Watershed Plan and environmental assessments. This new alignment is the result of recent flood caused damage that took place in December 1995. The planned alignment has been moved to the west edge of the newly created "scoured area" and will also be west of the Wallace residence and tie back into the upstream end of the 1966 constructed dike. The designed height of the dike will be in accordance with the Levee and Dike System Coordination Agreement, signed March 13, 1991, which is part of the Snohomish River Comprehensive Flood Control Management Plan, dated December 1991. The agreed to dike height is the 5-year flood frequency level plus one foot of freeboard. The dike is designed to withstand overtopping during high flows in the Snohomish River. The Wallace residence and buildings are planned for removal from their existing site in accordance with the real estate agreement between the Wallace party (sellers) and the Marshland Flood Control District (buyers). The total size of the riparian area to be created, is approximately 9.5 acres.

The Notice of a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Frank R. Easter, Watershed Planning Team Leader.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be

taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials)

Dated: March 15, 1996.

Lynn A. Brown,  
*State Conservationist*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 1996, at the University of Maine, Jewett Hall Auditorium, 46 University Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330. The purpose of the meeting is to release a Committee report, *Civil Rights Issues in Maine: A Briefing Summary on Hate Crimes, Racial Tensions, and Migrant/Immigrant Workers*, and to hold a planning meeting.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Dr. Barney Bérubé, 207-287-5980, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 15, 1996.  
Carol-Lee Hurley,  
*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit*.  
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