

**US Army Corps
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Omaha District

Proposed Perkins County Canal Project

Public Meetings
March 9-11, 2026



WELCOME AND MEETING PURPOSE

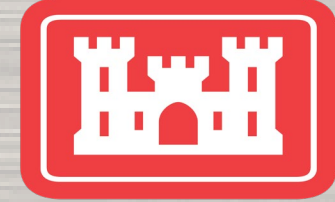
The public comment scoping process is a chance for the public to comment on the proposed project, suggest alternatives, identify potentially significant issues or probable impacts on the public interest, or share relevant information or analyses for the United States Army Corps of Engineers to consider in the National Environmental Policy Act analysis and Clean Water Act permit decision.

Please submit comments by April 6, 2026



USACE INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING FORMAT

- Eric Laux, Regulatory Division Chief, Omaha District
- Jeremy Grauf, Nebraska Branch Chief, Omaha District
- Kiel Downing, Colorado Branch Chief, Omaha District
- Aaron Eilers, Project Manager, Omaha District
- Lee Fuerst, Project Manager, Omaha District



COMMUNITY MEETING GUIDELINES

Thank you for being here and taking part in this conversation. We are committed to creating a space where **all voices can be heard**.

Please:

- Treat all participants, staff, and officials with courtesy and respect.
- Allow others to finish without interruption
- Listen with an open mind.

Not Permitted:

- Shouting, personal attacks, or threatening behavior.
- Interruptions or disruptive conduct.
- Blocking access or interfering with the meeting.

Meeting facilitators may provide reminders to keep the meeting productive. We appreciate your cooperation in helping maintain a **safe and respectful environment** for everyone.



CLEAN WATER ACT AND USACE REGULATORY PROGRAM

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is neither a proponent or opponent of the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment's proposed Perkins County Canal Project.

MISSION: The Regulatory Program is committed to protecting the Nation's aquatic resources and navigation capacity, while allowing reasonable development through fair and balanced decisions. USACE evaluates permit applications for essentially all construction activities that occur in the Nation's waters, including wetlands.

CLEAN WATER ACT AND USACE REGULATORY PROGRAM

The Clean Water Act (33 United States Code § 1344) gives the United States Corps of Engineers (USACE) the responsibility to evaluate permits for discharge of dredge or fill materials into waters of the United States. The evaluation is done through the Regulatory Program.

USACE follows Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 230) when evaluating permits for these discharges. The guidelines require an evaluation process and a factual determination on the potential effects of a proposed discharge on the physical, chemical, and biological components of the aquatic environment and human use characteristics.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW

The United States Army Corps of Engineers' decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest.

Relevant factors may include the following:

- Conservation
- Economics
- Aesthetics
- General environmental concerns
- Wetlands
- Historic properties
- Fish and wildlife values
- Flood hazards
- Floodplain values
- Land use
- Navigation
- Shore erosion and accretion
- Recreation
- Water supply and conservation
- Water quality
- Energy needs
- Safety
- Food and fiber production
- Mineral needs
- Considerations of property ownership
- In general, the needs and welfare of the people

Please provide information related to these evaluation factors in your comments

See 33 Code of Federal Regulations § 320.4(a)(1) and 33 Code of Federal Regulations § 333.12(b)(1) for more information.



COMMENT SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

Scoping comments should be as specific as possible and contain as much detail as necessary to inform the United States Army Corps of Engineers' National Environmental Policy Act analysis of the proposed action.

We request your comments to assist the United States Army Corps of Engineers with the following:

- Identify other potential alternatives to the proposed project, including avoidance, minimization, and/or other mitigation measures.
- Identify significant issues that should be addressed.
- Identify any data, studies, information, or analysis regarding impacts to waters of the United States, physical or chemical resources, other biological resources, socioeconomic impacts, or other impacts affecting the human environment.
- Information on current or planned activities in, or in the vicinity of, the proposed action and their potential impacts on the proposed action or affected environment.



TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Verbally at the in-person or virtual meetings

Email:

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Physical address:

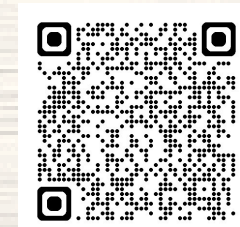
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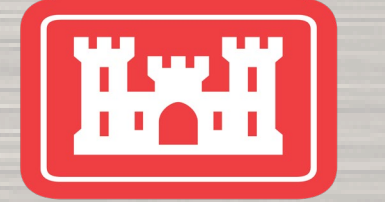
Regulatory Request System:

- <https://rrs.Corps.army.mil/rrs> using the search term NWO-2023-00518

For more information:

- <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Colorado/EIS-Perkins-County-Canal/>
- Or scan the QR code:





THANK YOU

For more information or further questions contact:

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Or visit the USACE website via the link or QR code:

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