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Draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Flood Damage Reduction Project, Turkey Creek Basin, Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri Released

Kansas City, Mo. -- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District has released a Draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Flood Damage Reduction Project, Turkey Creek Basin, Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce flood damages along Southwest Boulevard in Kansas and Missouri.

The Turkey Creek Basin Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment were completed in December 1998 and the project was authorized for construction in August of 1999 in the Water Resources Development Act of 1999. The purpose of the GRR is to determine whether information that became available as a result of a severe flood in October 1998 was sufficient to require changes to the authorized project design. This post authorization change report recommends an extension of the project area approximately 4,000 feet beyond the upstream limit of the currently authorized project, a modification to the authorized channel reach and an upgrade of the existing tunnel into which Turkey Creek flows.

The local cost share sponsors for the project are the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

The Draft GRR/EA and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) Public Notice (404 PN) are currently available for public review and comment. Comments on the Draft GRR/EA and the 404 PN will be accepted until September 3, 2002.

A public information meeting on the project will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Argentine Branch Kansas City, Kansas Public Library, 2800 Metropolitan Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

The Draft GRR/EA and 404 PN are available for review during regular business hours, Monday through Friday at the:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District Library, Room 747
Richard Bolling Federal Building
601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106

In addition, the Draft GRR/EA and 404 PN are also available for review at the following public libraries:

Kansas City, Kansas Public Library
625 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101

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Kansas City Missouri Public Library – Main 2nd Floor,
Central Reference, Public Viewing Section
311 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106

West Branch Kansas City, Missouri Public Library
525 SW Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Requests for copies of the Draft GRR/EA and the 404 PN, and comments on the proposed project should be mailed to

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If you require any additional information concerning the flood damage reduction project or the public information meeting, feel free to contact Tom Bishop, Project Manager at 816-983-3323.