City of Nielsville Community Levee Improvements (Sand Hill River Watershed District)

Proposers

Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD)

Description/Location:

Many of the communities within the SHRWD experienced record flood levels during the Spring of 1997 and the 2009 flood. These events required significant temporary emergency protection measures (i.e. emergency levees, sandbagging,...) to be completed by small cities with limited emergency management capabilities and resources. This project provides permanent flood protection for the City of Nielsville within the western portion of the Sand Hill River Watershed District. The scope of work will primarily involve the construction of flood control levees, internal storm water pumping stations and equipment, and project engineering and administration.



Phase 3 – Dependent on others

Phase 1: Funding was previously provided by the MNDNR FDR

Grant Assistance Program on a 50/50 match was used to complete preliminary design, planning, and the Project Engineer's Report.

<u>Phase 2</u>: Funding will be used to finalized plans and specifications, right-of-way acquisition, and construction levee and incidental items. MnDOT has scheduled reconstruction of TH 75 within Nielsville in 2016, and this will provide an *FDR cost reduction of up to \$400,000 to the flood protection project if both project's construction is coordinated in FY 2016*. Phase 2 is subdivided into FY16 and FY17, with funds in FY16 used to capitalize on cost savings associated with the MN DOT Trunk Highway 75 construction. The remainder of construction is proposed in FY17.

<u>Phase 3 - Future</u>: An anticipated cooperative effort between the City of Nielsville, Polk County, MNDOT, and the SHRWD will include the construction of a permanent road raise on 3rd Street near the east extent of the project. When completed, this will reduce the added costs for flood fighting, extended transportation closures, costly damage to the existing roadways, and public safety concerns for the traveling public. Timeline for the proposed road raise will be completed at a future date to align with future road maintenance projects (TBD).

Flood Control Benefits

- Flood protection for city of 90 residents, 19 families, and 42 households
- · Flood protection for city's public utilities including sanitary sewer, water, and streets
- Public highway grade raises will limit the need for temporary closures
- Permanent flood protection of property and infrastructure to 100 yr. design flood plus 3-ft

Project Cost: \$3.55MState \$3.52M / Non-state \$26KStatus: Phase 1 – CompletePhase 2 – FY 2016 & FY 2017 Request

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	Prior Years	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 and Beyond
	(through 01/15/2015)	(7/1/15 - 6/30/16)	(7/1/16 - 6/30/17)	(7/1/17 - ?)
Approvals	City, WD			
Funding	State \$174,900	State \$1.35M	State \$1.60M	FDR: TBD
	WD/City \$26,000	DOT \$400,000		WD/O: TBD
Description of Project Work		PHASE 2: Final Plans	PHASE 2: Construction	PHASE 3: Grade Raise (Dependent on future road work schedule)
	PHASE 1: Preliminary	and Specifications,		
	Planning, Design, Plan	Right of Way		
	Preparation, and	Acquisition, and		
	Engineer's Report	Integrated TH 75		
		Construction with DOT		

Key: PT=Project Team; WG=Flood Damage Reduction Work Group; RB=Red River Watershed Management Board; WD=Watershed District; DNR=Minnesota DNR; City=Nielsville; O=Other DOT=MN Department of Transportation

Partners: City of Neilsville, Sand Hill River Watershed District, and State of Minnesota Flood Damage Reduction Program