

Willow Creek Watershed Project Plan

January 24th, 2019 Public Scoping Meeting

The NRCS and the Tribe will be conducting scoping meetings for the Willow Creek Watershed Project as follows:

Interagency Scoping Meeting:	2:00 pm, Thursday, January 24 th
Public Scoping Meeting:	6:00 pm, Thursday, January 24 th
Location:	Tribal Council Chambers

The scoping meetings will be held to gather stakeholder input as well as identify Willow Creek flood concerns, environmental issues, and reasonable alternatives to reduce flooding in Browning. Preliminary flood mapping will also be available for review at the meeting.

Council member attendance at the Willow Creek Scoping Meetings is requested.

Council participation will best demonstrate tribal support of the project and will ensure all facets of the community are represented. Council attendance is requested to ensure that a cohesive plan is developed at the early stages of the project to implement improvements efficiently. Key points of the scoping meeting to consider include:

- **NRCS Representation** – State Conservationist, Steve Becker will chair the meeting together with the Tribe. Last year, the BTBC requested and received funding to complete the Watershed Plan.
- **Extensive Public/Interagency Scoping Meeting Advertisement** – Meeting notices were extensively distributed throughout the community and include the following:
 - Direct mailings to 143 affected property owners
 - Postings to Facebook, the Tribal website, college registration packets
 - Federal and tribal agency solicitation
- **NRCS Construction Funding Available** – Upon completion of the Watershed Plan, the NRCS will fund 100% of the design and construction of allowable project improvements, which may include a flood control dam, channel improvements, and/or land use changes.
- **Community-Wide Benefits** – Reduction of flood damages in Browning will benefit nearly every facet of the community development, including economic sustainability, job creation, infrastructure improvement, and agricultural enhancements.