

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pond Creek – Little Wabash Watershed Plan Potential Flood Control Structures

The City of Fairfield will conduct a public informational meeting at 6:30 PM Central Time, February 23, 2026 at City Hall, 109 NE Second Street, Fairfield, IL 62837.

Representatives from the City of Fairfield and United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will lead and participate (some in-person, some virtually) in this public meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide details of the selected preferred alternative for resolving flooding issues which will be accomplished by building a deep pool dam and downstream box culvert replacement at currently undersized road crossings, creating flood control and recreational opportunities for fishing and boating in the City of Fairfield's Lakeside Park. Other alternatives considered include: No Action, Buyout of Affected Properties, a Dry Dam, and a Shallow Pool Dam.

The meeting will provide updated analyses on the engineering feasibility, costs, and economic justification of the preferred alternative. NRCS is requesting public and external agency comments on the Draft Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment and the preferred alternative under consideration.

The objective of the public informational meeting includes, but is not limited to:

1. Ensure that the general public, private groups, and government agencies are thoroughly familiar with the Pond Creek preferred alternative for flood reduction.
2. Promote an atmosphere of extra-agency cooperation.
3. Provide a forum for the reception and consideration of public input regarding the preferred alternative.
4. Clarify the costs and effects of the preferred alternative under consideration.
5. Collect any existing information/data not yet obtained regarding the proposed project areas.
6. Incorporate written and verbal comments into the decision-making process.

Individuals requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting or who wish to attend the meeting virtually should contact the NRCS Acting Watershed Program Manager, Aaron Pryer, at Aaron.Pryer@usda.gov or call (217) 353-6633.