

ATTACHMENT 2

List of attendees from the public scoping meeting held on 23 June 2009

Handout given to attendees at the public scoping meeting held on 23 June 2009

Contact card given to attendees at the public scoping meeting held on 23 June 2009

Presentations conducted at the public scoping meeting held on 23 June 2009

SCOPING MEETING
List of Attendees (not including Corps staff)
 West Tennessee Tributaries, General Reevaluation

Public Scoping Meeting, 23 June 2009, Milan Tennessee

Name	Organization (if any)
Lowe Finney	Tennessee State Senator
Nick Kistenmacher	Senator Corker's Office
Tom Turner	Staff of Congressman Tanner
Scott Golden	US Congresswoman Blackburn's Office
Curt McMillin	
Bob Payne	
John R. Jones Jr.	
Tommy Ross	
Jason Luckey	
Nicholas T. Crafton, P.E.	Several including landowner
Glynn Mebane	Farm Bureau
Will Owuby	
Sam Gregory	
Steve Barnett	
Todd Jones	
Barry Jones	
Jim Szopinski	
Scott Ferguson	Obion River Waterfowl Association
Michael Butler	Tennessee Wildlife Federation
Brad Webster	Old River Land Co.
Terry Teague	
Al Buckley	Tennessee Wildlife Federation
Kendall McCarter	Tennessee Wildlife Federation
Forrest Butler	
Alan Peterson	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Dan Fuqua	
Frank Arnold	
Eddie Harris	
Gary Hall	Farmer/Landowner

Name	Organization (if any)
Bill Bona Sr.	
Bill Bona	DTD, Inc.
Bill Pittman	
Brian Thompson	
Carl Wirwin	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
John Hartz	
Jim Byford	U.T. Martin – College of Agriculture & Applied Science
Allen Arnold	
Gil Rollins	
Jimmy Barbour	
Dick Preston	Tennessee Ornithological Society
K. Gregg Elliott	Tennessee Ornithological Society
Taylor Kinard	
Danya Welch	
Gary Cook	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Dan Eagar	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Robert Todd	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Joe McKinnon	Tennessee Farm Bureau
Jim Jerman	West Tennessee River Basin Authority – Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Hudson Harrison	
Bill Harrison	
Thomas Baker Miller	Landowner
Matt Barnett	Co-Landowner
Slayton Gearin	

Name	Organization (if any)
Tim Gearin	
Hugh Adams	Farm Bureau
Michael Sharp	
Drew Williams	
Tim Miles	
Pat Patrick	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation – Water Pollution Control
Woodson Maher	
Paul Brown	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
R.D. Spike Jones	Ducks Unlimited-Tennessee
Hunter Clement	
Rickey Doyle	
Jeff Martin	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Sonny Williams	
Lynn Twyman	
Paul Wilson	
George Holliday	Buchort Horn, Inc.
David Renfroe	Farmer
Robert Chandler	R&R Farms
Randy Brooks	Farm Bureau
Jerry W. Horton Sr.	Bertie's Bayou Duck Club
Matt Fennel	Dyer County Farm Bureau
Malcolm Burchfiel	Farmer FB
Jay Horton	Bertie's Bayou Duck

Name	Organization (if any)
	Club
Paul D. Jackett	Bertie's Bayou Duck Club
Charles McGregor	Bertie's Bayou Duck Club
Will Gurton	Ducks Unlimited
Terry Blankenshix	
Ken Huey	Mallardonia, Greenwing, Kats
Fred Davis	
Ben Huey	Greenwing & Mallardonia Hunting Club
Chad Harden	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Jeffrey H. Griggs	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Larry J. Smith	
Jett Stinson	
Janie Yeargin	
Terri Brundige	
Danny Daniels	
Mark Renfroe	
John Huey	
Don H. Renfroe	Farmer
Glenn Tippitt	
Hal Luckey	Gibson County Farm Bureau
Mike Freeman	
Victor Parkins	Mirror Exchange

Individuals unable to attend scoping meeting but requesting to be placed on mailing list via telephone, e-mail, writing, or personal communication

Name	Organization (if any)
Joe Penn	
Chad Conner	
Matt Henderson	
Diana Threadgill	Mississippi River Corridor

Name	Organization (if any)
J. Clark Akers, III	National Ecological Foundation
Chester McConnell	
Jim W. Johnson	

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

West Tennessee Tributaries, General Reevaluation
and
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

Time and Location of Meeting:

June 23, 2009 7:00 p.m. Temple Baptist Church, Milan, Tennessee

Preparation of Draft Supplement no. 2 to the FEIS: A draft supplement no. 2 to the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) is being prepared for the West Tennessee Tributaries, General Reevaluation. The purpose of this study is to develop a project that reduces flood risks within the Obion and Forked Deer watersheds by restoring natural floodplain functions and reducing sedimentation. The draft supplement no. 2 will describe the existing conditions of the project area and will forecast future without-project conditions. Alternative plans of improvement will be formulated during the general reevaluation, and the draft supplement no. 2 will analyze impacts (positive and negative) associated with each plan. Comparisons of costs, benefits, and impacts will be made among alternative plans; and alternative plans will be compared to the “no action” alternative (future-without project conditions). Listed below are completed and scheduled milestones for the general reevaluation.

- A notice of intent to prepare a draft supplement no. 2 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement was published in the *Federal Register* on May 29, 2009.
- The draft supplement no. 2 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement should be completed by 2014.

Purpose of Public Scoping Process: As a result of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) was created in the Executive Office of the President. One of CEQ’s responsibilities was “to formulate and recommend national policies to promote the improvement of the quality of the environment.” CEQ prepared “Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA.” These regulations require that public scoping be initiated before an environmental impact statement is prepared. The scoping process identifies significant issues related to the proposed action and invites participation of affected federal, state, and local agencies; affected Indian tribes; and other interested organizations and individuals to determine the scope and depth of significant issues to be analyzed. The scoping process also eliminates issues that are not significant.

In addition to providing input at the meetings, individuals may provide comments concerning the proposed action by writing to USACE Memphis District, ATTN: CEMVM-PM-E (Thron), 167 North Main Street, Room B-202, Memphis, TN 38103-1894. The Memphis District should receive written comments no later than July 24, 2009.

Purpose of the Project: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the West Tennessee River Basin Authority intend to conduct a general reevaluation of the entire West Tennessee Tributaries Project to determine if there is an interest in pursuing a flood damage reduction project, and if so, recommend a plan of improvement. The reevaluation would focus on methods that reduce the overall amount of sand that enters the watershed, reduce flood damages by restoring natural floodplain functions, and comply with the Consent Order while achieving flood damage reduction benefits.

Meeting Agenda: Welcoming Remarks
Project Overview
NEPA and Scoping Process
Project Sponsor
Breakout Sessions
Recap Breakout Findings
Closing Remarks

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Project Sponsor: West Tennessee River Basin Authority
Dave Salyers, Executive Director Phone: 731-784-8173



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The purpose of this scoping process is to identify significant concerns and the scope of issues to be addressed in the proposed general reevaluation and supplemental environmental impact statement. The Corps would like your input regarding the West Tennessee Tributaries Project. Oral comments may be submitted at the public scoping meeting. Written comments may be submitted by e-mail or mailed to one of the individuals listed on this card. All comments are requested by July 24, 2009.

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West Tennessee Tributaries General Reevaluation

Public Scoping Meeting
23 June 2009

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- Flood Risk Management Project
- Obion and Forked Deer rivers in West TN.
- 8 county project area
- State of TN is sponsor acting through the West TN Basin Authority.

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Authorization

- Flood Control Act of 1948 – authorized improvements to the Obion River and its principal tributaries. The work is subject to “local interests furnish without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways required for construction and maintain all works after completion.”
- Flood Control Act of 1966 – Relocation of all gas transmission lines will be a Federal expense.

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Authorization cont.

- WRDA 1974 – authorized the acquisition of 32,000 acres of mitigation lands.
 - Authorized to enter immediately into leasehold agreements, accept donations, acquire by direct purchase, and institute eminent domain.
 - Mitigation feature shall be approved by Secretary of Army, Secretary of Interior, and Governor of Tennessee after consultation with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
 - Authorized to direct and convey without monetary consideration to the State of Tennessee all right, title, and interest of the United States in the lands and developments acquired.

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Authorization cont.

- WRDA 1976 – authorized construction of a levee immediately west of the authorized channel reaches.

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Project History

- 1959 – GDM 101 recommended 224.9 miles of channel enlargement.
- 1960 Construction initiated.
- 1970 – Environmentally based litigation filed. Federal Court determined EIS inadequate and enjoined construction. 32% of the project was constructed.
- 1974 – WRDA 1974 authorized mitigation.
- 1978 – Court ruled that the Supplemental EIS was still inadequate. Injunction remained in effect.
- 1982 – Supplemental GDM and EIS recommended reduced bottom widths, channel enlargement from one side, addition of erosion control structures, and water control measures. Project changes met the Chief’s Discretionary Authority.

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Project History Cont.

- 1985 – Federal Court issued a Consent Order. Construction could proceed as long as a specific protocol was followed concerning the acquisition of mitigation lands.
- 1985 – Construction resumed.
- 1987 – State denied water quality certification on the next item of work.
- 1990 – Project was shutdown. Shutdown items included grade control structures to protect against headcutting.
- 1992 – State requested project be reformulated. Requested that a demonstration project be pursued.

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Project History Cont.

- 1997 – Limited Reevaluation Review conducted on a demonstration project on the Middle Fork Forked Deer River and Stokes Creek. Project was not pursued because the Consent Order would require the purchase of 12,130 acres.
- 1998 – 2008 – other potential demonstration projects were pursued. All were either not economically justified or required a disproportionate amount of mitigation.
- 2008 – State requested that the demonstration project concept be abandoned and pursue reformulation of the entire project.

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Authorized Project

- Channel Enlargement - 224.6 miles
- Lateral Drainage -294 in number totaling 37 miles
- Erosion Control Structures – 216
- Water Level Control Structures – 174
- East – West Levee – 7.6 miles
- Mitigation Lands – 32,000 acres (fee title)

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Constructed Project to Date



- Channel Enlargement
 - Obion River – 54.4 miles
 - North Fork Obion – 10.9 miles
 - Middle Fork Obion – 0 miles
 - South Fork Obion – 0 miles
 - Rutherford Fork Obion- 0 miles
 - Forked Deer River – 5.4 miles
 - North Fork Forked Deer – 4.3 miles
 - Middle Fork Forked Deer – 0 miles
 - South Fork Forked Deer – 4.4 miles
- Erosion/Water Level Control – 0
- Levees – 0
- Mitigation Lands – 13,567 acres

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Reevaluation

- Reasonable approach considering the following:
 - Authorization
 - Original Project Design
 - Consent Order
 - Environmental Concerns
 - Lack of suitable Demonstration Project

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General Reevaluation

- Flood Control – authorized project purpose
- Methodology
 - Must address sedimentation
 - Emphasis on restoring natural floodplain hydrology

•Weirs	•Utility rights-of-way- modifications
•Grade control structures	•Channel blockage removal
•Sediment Traps	•Recreation
•Levee Modifications/Removals	•Sediment retention basins
•Low level Terraces	•Reforestation/Restoration of wetlands
•Bridge Modifications	•Meander restoration where practical

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**West Tennessee Tributaries
General Reevaluation**

**NEPA and the Public
Scoping Process**

23 June 2009

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**National Environmental
Policy Act**

- Basic national charter for environmental protection
- Provides environmental information to public
- Ultimate goal – foster good decisions

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NEPA

- Notice of Intent
 - May 29, 2009
- Scoping

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Scoping Purpose

- Determine Scope of Significant Issues and Concerns
- Eliminate Issues That Are Not Significant

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Scoping Importance

- The Scoping Process Is Key to:
 - Clarifying the significant issues to be analyzed in depth
 - Preparing a concise EIS

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Scoping Considerations

- Pertinent Studies
- Significant Resources
- Issues/concerns
- Alternative Plans

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Significant Resources/Issues

- Landowner interests
- Agricultural Lands
- Water Quality
- Sedimentation
- Urbanization
- Aquatic Resources
- Recreation
- Duck Hunting
- Cultural Resources
- Endangered Species
- Wetlands
- Terrestrial Habitat
- Stormwater
- Cumulative Impacts

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We Want to Hear From You

- Breakout Sessions – oral comments
- Written comments may be sent to one of the individuals on the Contact cards or given to us tonight
- All public scoping comments are requested by 24 July 2009

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Project Sponsor

West Tennessee River Basin
Authority (WTRBA)

David Salyers
Executive Director

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The West Tennessee River Basin Authority

- An agency under the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- We are the State of Tennessee's Project Sponsor for the WTPP (i.e., we direct the project, acquire necessary easements and maintain completed "works").
- Managed by a Board of Directors consisting of:
 - 20 County Mayors
 - 2 State Senators
 - 2 State Representatives
 - One representative from each of the following: Farm Bureau, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Tennessee Forestry Association, Soil Conservation Districts, Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Agriculture, and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

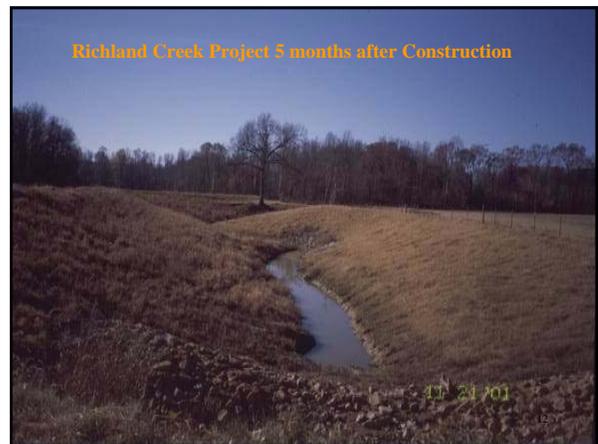
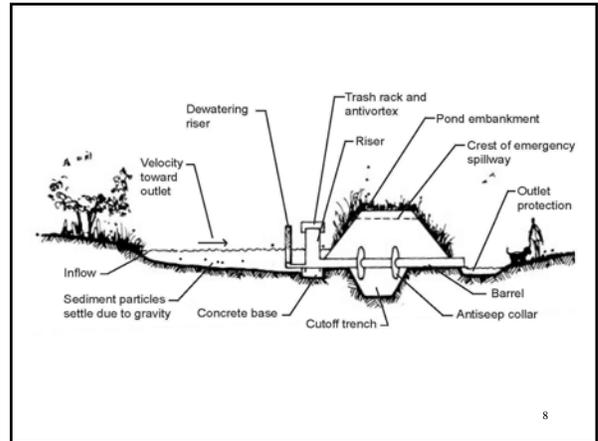
We have an active Technical Committee comprised of a "cross-section" of interest groups and resource agencies.



Examine a few examples of the types of projects we are currently considering.

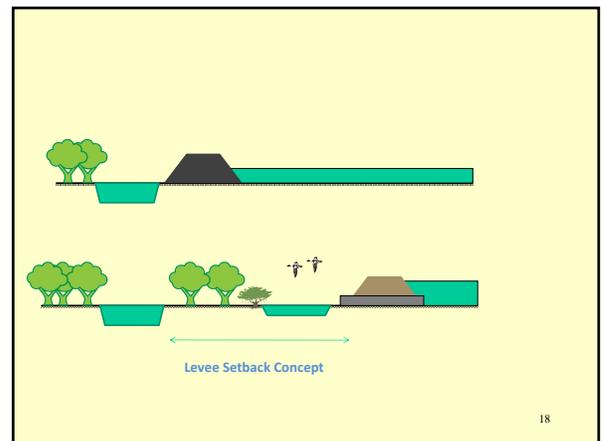
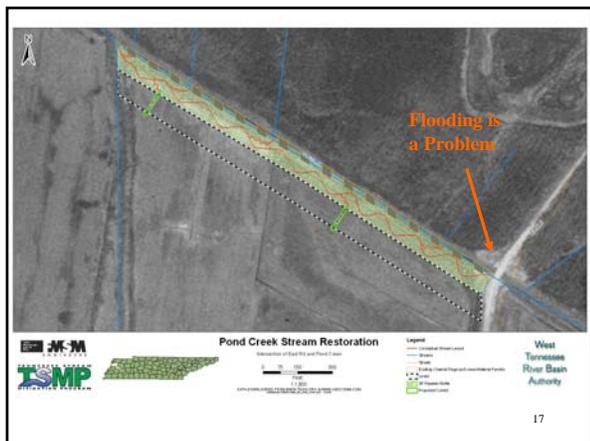
- Sediment Retention/Stormwater Detention.
- Gradient Control and Bank Stabilization.
- Levee Setbacks/Floodplain Restoration.
- Meandering Channel Reconstruction, where practical.

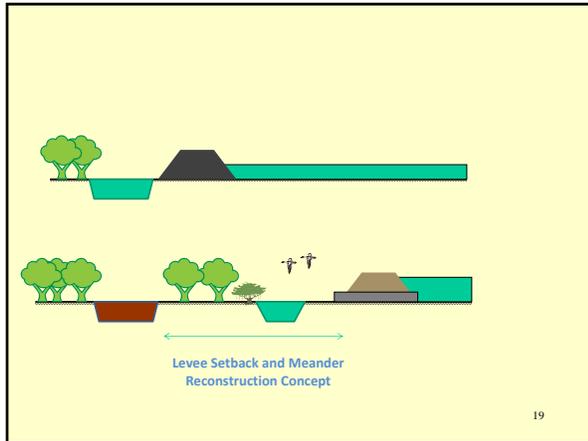
These are types of projects the Basin Authority is already implementing across West Tennessee as opportunities present themselves.





Pond Creek - Before Images

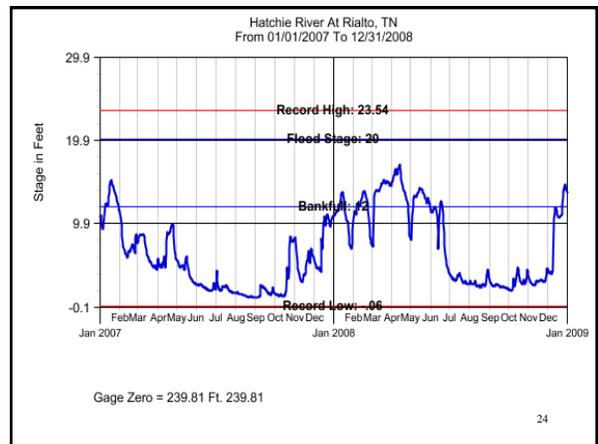
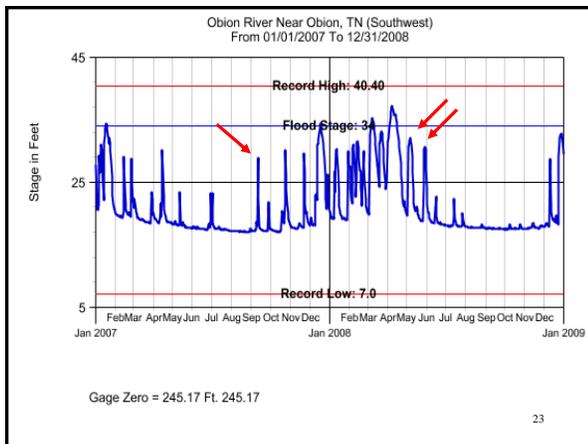


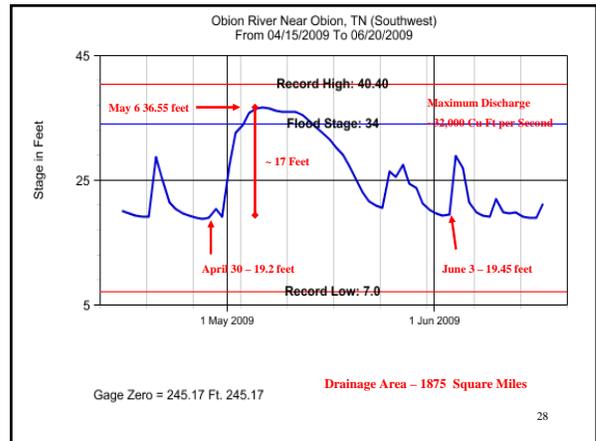
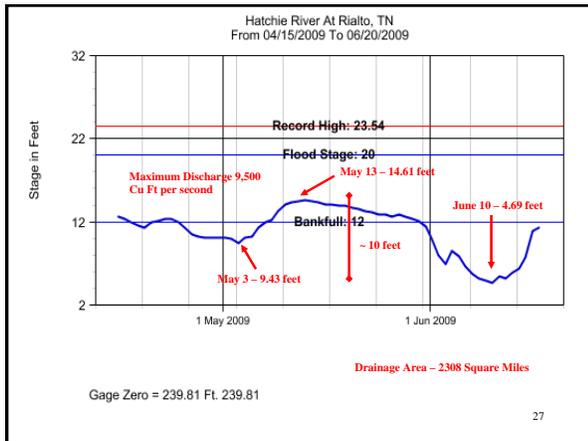
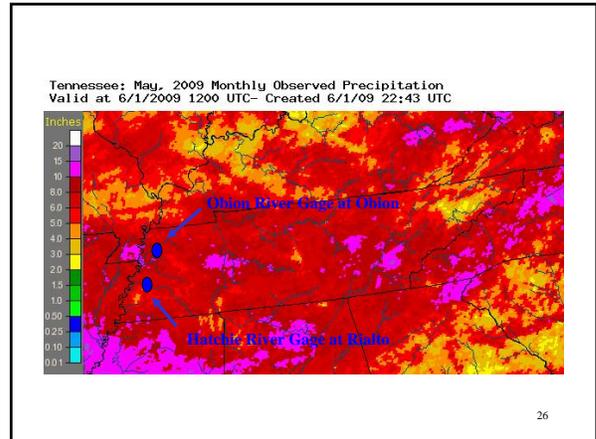
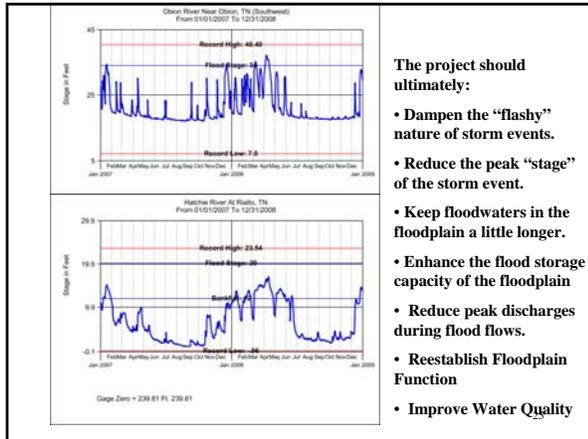


Project Benefits:

- Flood Control
- Habitat Restoration
- Stabilization of Stream Banks
- Reduction of "In-Stream" Erosion
- Removal of Excess Nutrients
- Improvement of Water Quality
- Improvement of Hunting Opportunities
- Protection of Agricultural Lands
- Improvement of Levee
- Improvement of Interim Drainage in adjacent Agricultural Fields
- Restoration of Bottomland Hardwood Timber

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Our approach will be to implement the types of projects discussed tonight and identified through the Corps' Study. We will pursue practical application of these techniques. This means we will:

- Not pursue condemnation of land.
- Not attempt to alter well established landuse practices (i.e., duck holes or agricultural fields)
- Base our work on sound science and practical engineering.
- Work to avoid controversial projects.
- Work with landowners to improve private property while achieving project objectives.



This Project is an Opportunity for all West Tennesseans:

- Gain valuable information and improve our ability to make the correct short and long term decisions
- Reduce severity of flooding on Agricultural Lands
- Protect Public and Private Infrastructure from excessive flooding
- Improve Hunting Opportunities
- Improve Water Quality and Aquatic Habitat
- Improve Floodplain Habitat and Function
- Reduce generation of Excessive Coarse Sediment
- Reduce Scour - Protect Public and Private Infrastructure
- Reduce Stream and River Bank Erosion
- Achieve Mutual Objectives – A “Win Win”
- The WTRBA is already implementing the types of projects shown tonight, the WTTTP could enable implementation on a broader scale.

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Participate in the Break-out Sessions

- Voice your concerns and opinions
- Express your support
- Give us your ideas

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After tonight, if you still have questions, concerns and ideas, contact myself or Jim Jerman. We can arrange a time to meet individually or in a group setting.

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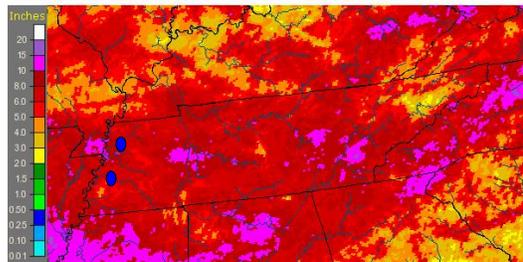
West Tennessee River Basin Authority

To preserve the natural flow and function of West Tennessee's streams and rivers through environmentally sensitive stream maintenance. Through our efforts we will:

- Restore, where practical, natural stream and floodplain dynamics.
- Maintain or stabilize the function of altered streams and rivers.
- Provide regional and local leadership for the conservation and sustainable use of these river basins.



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