



## Stevens Creek Flood Work Continues



The NRD and City of Lincoln will install a supplemental box culvert next year to help avert flooding along Stevens Creek at Cornhusker Highway. The photo above shows the area on June 13, 1984.

**W**hile the NRD is about to complete its Stevens Creek Watershed Project, work on more projects designed to protect the watershed from flooding and erosion will continue. The last of ten water-

shed dams was completed last year. Together they reduce average annual damage from flooding by forty percent. Soon the NRD will seek bids on construction of a supplemental box culvert to avoid flooding at the site pic-

tured above. It will be the final element in the NRD's overall project.

In addition, though, the NRD, City of Lincoln and Lancaster County have identified in their Stevens Creek Master Plan, a

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long list of additional projects needed to maintain the watershed and those projects are being completed as funding allows. In October, the NRD awarded a construction contract to Gana Trucking and Excavating, of Martell, for a stream stabilization project near 98th and Van Dorn streets that was originally identified in the Master Plan. Other projects have already been completed since the Stevens Creek Master Plan was approved in 2005.

The Stevens Creek watershed will likely experience significant development in the near future, but it also has a history of severe

flooding. Initiatives taken by local government and the NRD to address flood

issues prior to development, has saved millions of dollars.



*Stevens Creek stream stabilization work under way near 98th & Van Dorn streets, when completed, will look much like this earlier project.*

## Board Vacancy

**S**ubdistrict 10 NRD Director Jason Hayes resigned his seat in October for personal reasons and the NRD is accepting letters of application from registered voters residing in Subdistrict 10 until November 20th. The appointment will be for the balance of the four-year term, which extends to the end of 2010. Letters should outline the candidate's qualifications and be addressed to:

Board Vacancy  
Lower Platte South NRD  
P O Box 83581  
Lincoln, NE 68501-3581

The NRD Board will then have final consideration of candidates when it meets in December.

## New Help



*Pat Jarecke*

**P**at Jarecke is the NRD's new Receptionist/Program Assistant. Pat is a former Administrative Assistant at the UNL Water Center and also has experience with the NU Foundation at the Technology Park. She is a graduate of Fox Business College in Chicago and now lives in Lincoln with her husband, David. Besides her receptionist and general

office duties, Pat also administers conservation cost-sharing programs and tree seedling sales. Welcome, Pat!

## Antelope Creek Channel Open for Business

Seeding and some final grading are about all that's left to complete the flood control component of the Antelope Valley Project. NRD General Manager Glenn Johnson told a crowd gathered for the opening of the east leg of the "Big X" elevated roadway, November 6, "The new two-mile long open waterway, from "J" Street to Salt Creek



Union Plaza

and 1,200 residents from the floodplain." With the completion of the channel, Johnson said a second phase of work to develop features of Union Plaza will begin

next year. Union Plaza, a three-block linear park paralleling the channel north of "O" Street, will include four water features, a festival space,

at the future UNL Innovation Campus, is fully functional to handle the 100-year rain event without overbank flooding, essentially removing over 400 acres, 800 buildings

new trail connections, artwork, children's play area, pond plaza, outdoor plaza seating, a scenic overlook and an outdoor amphitheater.

## Seedling Tree Time

The deadline for ordering seedling trees to be delivered in April under the NRD's Conservation Forestry Program is January 25th and ordering early increases the likelihood the species you want will still be available. About 30 varieties of seedling trees and shrubs are currently available at a cost of \$0.70 per plant. Because the Lower Platte South combines its orders with other NRDs statewide, the seedlings can be offered at a mini-

mum price. Species are sold in bundles of 25 and the minimum order is 100 seedlings. The trees and shrubs are suitable for the development of wildlife habitat and windbreaks. Contact Pat Jarecke for more details.



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## REMINDERS:

**NRD Furniture Sale** - Surplus upholstered pedestal chairs and folding tables are being sold to the highest bidders by the NRD. Anyone may submit a bid before November 25th. Details are available at [www.lpsnrd.org](http://www.lpsnrd.org). Good luck!

**Winter Board Hours** - The NRD Board meets the third Wednesday of each month. December through March the meeting time is 2pm and the remainder of the year the meeting time is 7pm. All meetings are open to the public at the NRD office, 3125 Portia St., Lincoln. Map at [www.lpsnrd.org](http://www.lpsnrd.org).

# NRD Project Update

**Antelope Creek** - Channel liner installation Cotner to 40th Street to help maintain gabion baskets. Construction under way by Land Construction.

**Gospel Run, Weeping Water** - 50% NRD cost sharing with village on bank stabilization project. Permit phase.

**MoPac East Bridge Repair** - Repair erosion and treat water problem on bridge just west of Elmwood. Project completed. Thanks trail users for your cooperation during trail closing!

**Beal Slough Flood Control** - Resolve flooding issues near 14th Street and Highway 2, in Lincoln. \$7 million FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant project. Partners are: City, State, FEMA, NEMA and NRD. Design phase.

**Stevens Creek Channel Stabilization Project** - Channel restoration near 98th & Van Dorn, Lincoln. Under construction by Gana Trucking and Excavating, Martell.

**Salt Creek Bank Stabilization** - Repair project south of South Street. Design phase.

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