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DEADMANS RUN FLOOD REDUCTION PROJECT

UNL East Campus Construction Update

The City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) are partnering on the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project to reduce potential flood risks and the cost of potential flood damage in north Lincoln.

The project includes two stormwater detention basins that will hold excess stormwater, widening the Deadmans Run channel to hold additional stormwater, and removal of the North 33rd Street and Baldwin Avenue culvert. The project also includes construction of the UNL Wetland Research Facility in partnership with the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Tree and Vegetation Removal

Crews will remove wild trees, bushes and weeds near North 48th Street and Francis Street on the UNL East Campus. **Work is expected to begin in late fall or early winter and be completed in spring 2027.**

This work will prepare the area for construction of a new stormwater detention basin.



Deadmans Run Project Area

Tree and Vegetation Removal Location

Project Schedule

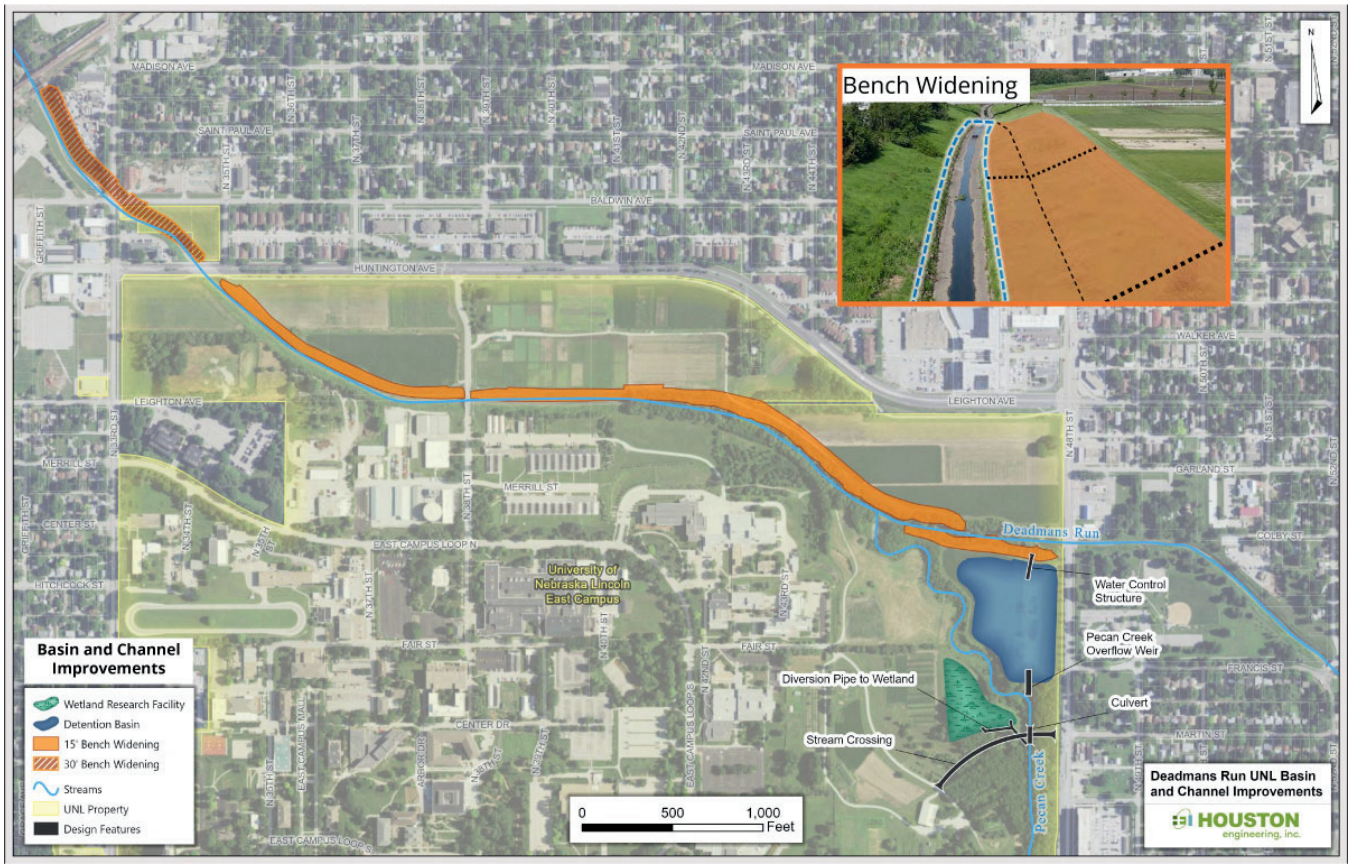
First phase of construction:

- Construction of the 56th Street detention basin, expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

Future work includes:

- Construction of the North 48th Street and Francis Street detention basin on the UNL East Campus.
- Widening of the Deadmans Run channel from North 48th Street to the railroad corridor near North 33rd Street.
- Removal of the North 33rd Street and Baldwin Avenue culvert.
- Construction of a bridge near North 33rd Street and Baldwin Avenue as part of the separate 33rd and Cornhusker Highway Street Improvement Project.
- Construction of the UNL Wetland Research Facility in partnership with the university.

LTU and LPSNRD plan to **install banners** along the project area to identify construction work.



The map shows planned improvements and construction activities in the UNL East Campus area.

Improvements Protect People & Property

The project is expected to modify floodplain boundaries for up to 480 homes, businesses and other structures, significantly lowering the risk of flooding in a 100-year flood.

Project Cost and Funding

The estimated $26 million project is funded in part by a $5.8 million Water Sustainability Fund grant awarded to LPSNRD. The City and LPSNRD are funding the remaining costs equally. The City's share will come from voter-approved stormwater bonds.

A separate $687,000 Nebraska Environmental Trust grant awarded to LPSNRD supports the UNL Wetland Research Facility.

Project Completion

The Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project is expected to be completed in 2030.

Learn More

For project updates and additional information, visit:

- **City of Lincoln:** lincoln.ne.gov/DeadmansRun
- **Lower Platte South Natural Resources District:** lpsnrd.org/projects/major-projects/deadmans-run-flood-reduction-project