

LOWER ARKANSAS INITIAL MAP REVIEW/DISCOVERY MEETING NOTES

Location: Pratt Fire station, Conference Room, 201 S.
Jackson, Pratt, KS 67124
Date: February 27, 2020
Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Facilitator: Joanna Rohlf, KDA

Discussion Topics

- There was discussion about flooding concerns in the City of Pratt and in the county with regards to flooded roads, parks and flooding near railroad embankments. Comments were added to the web map. Much of the discussion related to the major event in Sept. 2018.
- There is an underground stormwater system in Pratt that captures and contains major flood events through middle of the city. City has plans of the system that they can provide. The railroad embankment at the upstream portion has an ineffective culvert. It slopes the wrong way.
- There was discussion about technical assistance and which Community Rating System (CRS) activities could be useful for CRS participating communities.
- There was discussion on a low water area near the mobile home park near 6th street in Pratt where a water rescue occurred. This area has a local flooding problem due to flat terrain. A comment added to web map. Project is being planned to mitigate the flooding.
- There is a new athletic facility in the Southeast portion of Pratt near ball fields. It was built in 2019, which is after the last LiDAR flight. Comments made in web map.
- It was noted that the NG911 layer for the city boundary is off. AECOM will contact the county appraiser for updated data.
- There is a Pratt County Lake mitigation project for a new outlet, overflow, and inlet valves. As work is completed, it will be beneficial for the floodplain project to provide the as-built plans to KDA and AECOM.
- It was noted that flooding can close HWY 61 and causes flood water north of the railroad in the City of Preston. A 3-4 in rain can cause it. A comment was added to the web map.
- There was discussion about the floodplains near Byers and in the Northwest portion of Pratt County. They are not following defined channels, so they will be evaluated on whether or not to include based on the average depth of the floodplain.
- The State Fish Hatchery office has had flood water in it. There was a Mitigation project implemented. It was noted that this area will have modeling enhancements.
- Lake Rd near hatchery ponds floods. Comment added to web map.
- It was noted the date of the flood photo on the Discovery Map should be 9/3/2018.

Action Items

1. Local stakeholders are asked to review and provide comments on the BLE draft floodplains and Discovery Map and Report by March 31, 2020.