

and local individuals were invited to a scoping meeting on March 15, 2006. The public input received from these meetings and at meetings of the Clarke County Reservoir Commission will be considered as a draft Environmental Impact Statement is developed. The periodic meetings of the Commission as well as individual member sponsor meetings are open to the public and provide opportunity for citizen input.

Preliminary issues: Among the issues that the NRCS plans to consider in the scope of the EIS analysis are:

—Environmental, economic, and social impacts of the alternatives. Major categories are listed below.

Soil erosion; Flooding; Recreation; Water quantity/supply; Water quality; Cultural resources; Natural Areas; Prime farmland; Agricultural/other rural land; Threatened and Endangered species; Wetlands; Fish and Wildlife habitat; Air quality.

—Costs and benefits of the alternatives will be studied.

—The Cumulative Impacts of federal action will be evaluated.

The Clarke County Water Supply Watershed Project Draft EIS will be developed and published in the **Federal Register** with a target date of February 1, 2007. A 45 day comment period will be available for the public to provide comments. A 30 day comment period will be available following publication of the final EIS. A meeting will be held in the Osceola area near the date of the draft EIS publication to inform the public about the draft watershed plan-EIS and to obtain comments.

The draft watershed plan—EIS will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. This review will be conducted concurrently with the publication of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of public agencies, any affected Indian tribe, and individuals who have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in providing data for consideration in preparing the draft EIS. Comments and other input received will be considered in plan development. Further information on the proposed action may be obtained from David Beck, Planning Leader, at the above address. This **Federal Register** Notice will also be available at the Iowa NRCS Web site at <http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov>. A map of the Clarke County Water Supply proposed study sites will also be posted.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes for Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Maryland to issue new or revised conservation practice standards for Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide. These standards include, but are not limited to, the following: Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temperature (Code 366); Animal Mortality Facility (Code 316); Brush Management (Code 314); Closure of Waste Impoundments (Code 360); Composting Facility (Code 317); Feed Management (Code 592); Field Border (Code 386); Filter Strip (Code 393); Fishpond Management (Code 399); Forage Harvest Management (Code 511); Forest Stand Improvement (Code 666); Heavy Use Area Protection (Code 561); Hedgerow Planting (Code 422); Irrigation Water Management (Code 449); Lined Waterway or Outlet (Code 468); Manure Transfer (Code 634); Nutrient Management (Code 590); Pest Management (Code 595); Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (Code 521D); Residue and Tillage Management (Codes 329, 345, and 346); Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391); Sediment Basin (Code 350); Shallow Water Development and Management (Code 646); Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Code 580); Structure for Water Control (Code 587); Subsurface Drain (Code 606); Surface Drain, Field Ditch (Code 607); Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612); Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Code 645); Use Exclusion (Code 472); Waste Storage Facility (Code 313); Waste Treatment Lagoon (Code 359); Waste Utilization (Code 633); Wastewater Treatment Strip (Code 635); Water and Sediment Control Basin (Code 638); Water Well (Code 642); Wetland Creation (Code 658); Wetland Restoration (Code 657); Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (Code 644); Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Code 380). Some of these

practice standards may be used in conservation systems to comply with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions of the Farm Bill.

DATES: Revised standards and new standards will be issued periodically during calendar year 2006. There will be a 30-day public comment period for each draft standard. Conservation practice standards will be issued as final after the close of the comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Electronic copies will be posted on the Internet at the following address: http://www.md.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/draftcps_no.html. Paper copies will be mailed to persons who do not have Internet access. Please submit requests for paper copies to Anne M. Lynn, State Resource Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 339 Busch's Frontage Road, Suite 301, Annapolis, MD 21401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. NRCS will provide a 30-day public review and comment period concerning the proposed changes. At the close of the comment period, NRCS will make a determination regarding any changes to the draft conservation practice standards, and will publish the final standards for use in NRCS field offices. The final standards will also be posted on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.