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Dear US Army Corps of Engineers;

I am writing in regards to the diversion channel plan. Please take into account the concerns I have about building a diversion channel verses combining alternative methods.

1. The effects of a diversion channel on neighboring communities, farmland, and the environment need to be addressed. Much of our rich soil will be covered in cement. During years of low rain fall water that would have been absorbed into the land thus filling our water table will be destroyed. Our relationship with neighboring communities, rural homeowners, *to the land it self* will be forever affected. That effect in its self could be catastrophic.
2. With the alternative plans in place (see below) ... No matter how much water we would have to deal with "if" a catastrophic flood "should" happen the flooding would be minimized to a level we surely could take care of.
3. The cost of a Diversion Channel is appalling compared to what it would cost to create eco friendlier alternative measures.
4. Wetlands and grasslands are important and can play a major role in flood control while enhancing our environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration to what a major, safe, role alternative measures can do to illuminate flooding while protecting our area's natural resources verses building a diversion channel.

Sincerely,



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Alternative measures:

Relocating Structures

Restoring wetlands and using grasslands for water storage

Constructing levees, floodwalls, and/or pumps