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Public Meeting for Hunter's Run Watershed Rehabilitation Project Set for October 21, 2026

(Insert Date of Release) – USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), and the Hunter's Run Conservancy District, are sponsoring a public meeting to discuss the proposed rehabilitation of the Hunter's Run Dams 4 and 9 in Fairfield County, Ohio. Dam No. 4 is located on Stonewall Creek, a tributary to Hunter's Run southwest of Lancaster off US 22 on Stonewall Cemetery Rd. Dam No. 9 is located on the Hocking River near Historic Rock Mill, upstream of the community of Hooker. The meeting will be held on October 21, 2026, at the Fairfield County Workforce Center located at 4465 Coonpath Rd NW, Carroll, OH. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. The meeting can also be accessed using Microsoft Teams at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/248997682523274> or by telephone +1 917-768-5183, access code 913643607#.

Representatives from the Local Sponsors and NRCS, along with their consultants, will provide information on the dam rehabilitation program, planning activities to date for the Hunter's Run dams, describe the various rehabilitation alternatives being considered for these flood control structures, answer questions and concerns about the planned activities and seek public input.

The dams provide flood protection to the City of Lancaster and property and infrastructure in and adjacent to regulated FEMA floodplains throughout the Upper Hocking watershed. Local sponsors, NRCS staff, and their consultants are developing a plan for rehabilitating these dams so that they meet current dam safety regulations and design standards. Alternatives being considered include: no action, decommissioning (dam removal), structural rehabilitation, and nonstructural measures.

Federal funding has been received to assist the local sponsors in developing the rehabilitation plan but has not yet been secured for the design or construction of these projects.

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