Little Plover River Watershed Enhancement Project

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Long History of Study & Controversy
What is the LPRWEP?
Project Goals

• Improve LPR flow & aquatic health.***

• Improve surface-groundwater connections & water retention.

• Alleviate flooding.

• Improve/expand habitat & recreation opportunities.

Photo credit: Friends of the Little Plover River
Project Area & Approach

Shift how we use and manage water.

Re-establish healthy connections across the entire system.
Use best available science.

Increase landowner engagement.

Monitor to evaluate effectiveness of practices.
Planned & Proposed Activities

• Water Conservation & Management
• Large-Scale Projects
• On-Farm Practices
Status & Timeline

Spring 2017 – Partnership Formed

Summer 2017 – Fundraising for pilot projects

Fall 2017 - Outreach & Project Planning

Summer 2018 – Begin installing practices
New Investments

- $1.5 million to restore headwater wetlands (applied/pending)
- $200,000 for on-farm conservation practices (applied/pending)
- $100,000 for engineering & technical support (approved)
Thank You!

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