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## **Virtual Public Meeting for Deep Creek Watershed Rehabilitation Project Set for January 24, 2022, at 6 p.m.**

– USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District and the Yadkin County Commissioners, are sponsoring a Public Meeting to discuss the proposed rehabilitation of Dam No. 19A located on Cranberry Creek and Dam No. 21 located on South Deep Creek in Yadkin County, North Carolina. The meeting will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. The virtual meeting link is <https://bit.ly/30wegta> and the call-in number is (347) 966-8462 with an access code of 232632389#

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 Deep Creek dams, describe the various rehabilitation alternatives being considered for these flood control structures, present the recommended alternatives, and answer questions and concerns about the planned activities, and seek public input.

The dams provide flood protection to residents of Yadkin County located downstream. Local sponsors, NRCS staff, and their consultants are developing one plan for rehabilitating these two dams so 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 plan but has not yet been secured for the design or construction of these projects.

NRCS provides reasonable accommodations to enable all persons with disabilities to participate in agency programs and activities. If you require special accommodations, please contact Mary Waligora by January 17, 2022. For further information on the meeting, contact Mary Waligora, Assistant State Conservation Engineer, with NRCS at (919) 873-2129 or by email at [mary.waligora@usda.gov](mailto:mary.waligora@usda.gov).

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