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RE: Invitation to First Stakeholder Meeting  
East and West Nishnabotna Watershed and Flood Resiliency Plans

Dear Stakeholder:

You are receiving this letter because you, or your organization, have been identified as a valuable partner for the development of watershed and flood resiliency plans for both the East and West Nishnabotna Watershed. Each plan will identify solutions to reduce the impacts of flooding and improve water quality within each watershed. The plans will also help guide the proactive implementation of flood mitigation and water quality improvement projects for the next five to 15 years.

The project is a joint effort of several state and regional agencies (additional info: <http://www.iowawatershedapproach.org/>) and is led by Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), a local nonprofit. The East and West Nishnabotna Watershed Coalition (Coalition) has retained JEO Consulting Group (JEO) to assist with developing these plans and facilitating stakeholder engagement.

JEO is working with me to assemble a group of stakeholders, comprised of landowners, citizens, and nonprofits, from each watershed to assist in the development of the plans. The stakeholder group is very important to ensure each watershed and flood resiliency plan is written with input that ensures local issues are addressed. Stakeholders will also be asked to periodically review materials and attend at least three meetings throughout project, which is scheduled to be completed in March 2019.

The first meeting of the East Nishnabotna stakeholder group is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at 'The Venue', in Atlantic (307 Walnut St., Atlantic, IA). The first meeting of the West Nishnabotna stakeholder group is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Mills County Engineer's Office (403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA). If you are unable to attend the meeting in your watershed (or your organization covers both watersheds), please try to attend the other meeting. Due to the limited number of meetings, **it is important that you, or another representative of your organization, attend at least one of these stakeholder meetings.**

Your hard work and commitment in fulfilling this important role will be greatly appreciated and ensure the development of a locally inspired and successful plan! Myself or Adam Rupe, from JEO, will be following up with you in the next few days to confirm that you have received this letter and to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at (712) 482-3029 or [cmorgan@goldenhillsrcd.org](mailto:cmorgan@goldenhillsrcd.org); or Adam Rupe at (402) 322-0377 or [arupe@jeo.com](mailto:arupe@jeo.com). I look forward to meeting with you!

Yours in Conservation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Marker-Morgan".

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CC: Adam Rupe, Watershed Planner, JEO Consulting Group

Enclosures: Map of the Watersheds and Stakeholder Expectations