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PUBLIC, AGENCY, AND TRIBAL COORDINATION



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TULSA DISTRICT 2488 EAST 81<sup>ST</sup> STREET TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74137-4290

October 28, 2020

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### AFTER ACTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE WEBBERS POOL AND ROBERT S. KERR POOL EMERGENCY DREDGING AND PLACEMENT MUSKOGEE, SEQUOYAH, HASKELL, AND LE FLORE COUNTIES, OKLAHOMA

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Published Aug. 25, 2020

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Published Nov. 17, 2020

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The video of the presentation was updated and provides corrected information. The public notice remains the same.

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	Acres: %			Acres:	%					
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local S	ite Assessn	nent System	Date Land I	Evaluation Re	eturned by NF	RCS			
PART III (To be completed by Federal Age	ncy)					Site Rating	1			
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	•/			Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly										
C. Total Acres In Site										
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Lan	d Evaluation Information									
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland										
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Loca	I Important Farmland									
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Le	ocal Govt. Unit To Be Converted									
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdi	ction With Same Or Higher Relativ	ve Value								
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1. Area In Non-urban Use			(15)							
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use			(10)							
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	-		(20)							
4. Protection Provided By State and Local	Government		(20)							
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area			(15)							
6. Distance To Urban Support Services     7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To	Average		(10)							
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland	b Average		(10)							
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services			(5)							
10. On-Farm Investments			(20)							
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Suppor	t Services		(10)							
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural			(10)							
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS			160							
PART VII (To be completed by Federal A	Agency)									
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)			100							
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above	or local site assessment)		160							
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)			260							
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection				al Site Assess	NO	-			
Reason For Selection:				1						

Date:

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#### Farmland Classification—Muskogee County, Oklahoma (E0960 Mitigation Site)

**	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium		Farmland of unique importance Not rated or not available		Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
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# Farmland Classification

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30	Kiomatia fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	Not prime farmland	10.7	13.9%
31	Kiomatia fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	28.2	36.5%
60	Roxana very fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes, rarely flooded	All areas are prime farmland	31.6	41.0%
61	Roxana very fine sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes, rarely flooded	All areas are prime farmland	4.9	6.3%
63	Severn very fine sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, rarely flooded	All areas are prime farmland	1.8	2.3%
W	Water	Not prime farmland	0.0	0.0%
Totals for Area of Inter	rest		77.2	100.0%

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### **Rating Options**

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower



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#### Farmland Classification—Muskogee County, Oklahoma (North I40 Mitigation Site)

**	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer		Farmland of statewide importance, if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium		Farmland of unique importance Not rated or not available	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
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# **Farmland Classification**

Map unit symbol	ap unit symbol Map unit name Rating			t symbol Map unit name Rating Acres in AOI				
59	Roebuck clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	1.3	4.3%				
60	Roxana very fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes, rarely flooded	All areas are prime farmland	13.0	43.1%				
61	Roxana very fine sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes, rarely floodedAll areas are prime farmland9.5		31.5%					
63	Severn very fine sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, rarely flooded	All areas are prime farmland	2.2	7.2%				
W	Water	Not prime farmland	4.2	13.9%				
Totals for Area of Inter	rest	30.3	100.0%					

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### **Rating Options**

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower

# **Farmland Classification**

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
77	Verdigris silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	10.5	100.0%
Totals for Area of Inter	rest	10.5	100.0%	

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### **Rating Options**

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower



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#### Farmland Classification—Sequoyah County, Oklahoma (Drake Road Mitigation Site)

~*	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium	~	Farmland of unique importance Not rated or not available	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
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# **Farmland Classification**

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Ma	Mason silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes, rarely flooded	All areas are prime farmland	25.9	98.5%
W	Water	Not prime farmland	0.4	1.5%
Totals for Area of Inter	rest		26.3	100.0%

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## **Rating Options**

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Tie-break Rule: Lower



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#### Farmland Classification—Haskell County, Oklahoma (Missouri Pacific Railroad East)

**	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium		Farmland of unique importance Not rated or not available		Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
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Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CvE	Counts-Dela complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	0.0	0.1%
Re	Rexor silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	All areas are prime farmland	19.2	72.9%
Rf	Rexor silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	0.2	0.7%
TmB	Tamaha silt loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	1.7	6.4%
W	Water	Not prime farmland	5.3	20.0%
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Tie-break Rule: Lower

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PART I (To be completed by Federal Ager	Date Of Land Evaluation Request 05 July 2021									
Name of Project After-Action	Federal Agency Involved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers									
Proposed Land Use Habitat Mitigatio	County and State Haskell County, Oklahoma									
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	Date Requ NRCS	uest Received	By Person Completing Form:			m:				
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, State (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not co	1	ES NO	Acres I	rrigated	Average	Farm Size				
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A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				Site A 23.7	Site B	Site C	Site D			
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10. On-Farm Investments			(20)	5						
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support	rt Services		(10)	0						
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural	Use		(10)	0						
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS			160	50	0	0	0			
PART VII (To be completed by Federal )	Agency)									
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TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)			260	50	0	0	0			
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Reason For Selection:	1			1						
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Name of Federal agency representative completing this form: Justyss Watson

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~	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer		Farmland of statewide importance, if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently	~	Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium	**	Farmland of unique importance Not rated or not available	Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
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			importance, if irrigated			Soil Survey Area: Haskell County, Oklahoma Survey Area Data: Version 16, May 27, 2020 Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.
					Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Nov 16, 2018—No 21, 2018	
						The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background



# **Farmland Classification**

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
EhD	Carnasaw-Bengal-Clebit complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	0.0	0.0%
Gu	Cupco silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	All areas are prime farmland	23.7	91.3%
W	Water	Not prime farmland	2.3	8.7%
Totals for Area of Inter	rest	26.0	100.0%	

### Description

Farmland classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or unique farmland. It identifies the location and extent of the soils that are best suited to food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the "Federal Register," Vol. 43, No. 21, January 31, 1978.

### **Rating Options**

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower

A Final Coordination Act Report will be included as part of the Final Environmental Assessment.