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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Arkansas has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) titled "Big Creek Watershed NRCS Watershed Program" in partnership with the City of Turrell. The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, the NRCS State Conservationist has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The Proposed Action involves dredging and constructing channels; connecting existing ditches to new channels; constructing a detention pond; installing culverts; and dry floodproofing structures in Joiner, Arkansas. The Proposed Action also involves dredging and widening existing channels; constructing and connecting new channels; constructing drainage ditches; installing a series of pipe culverts; and dry floodproofing structures in Turrell, Arkansas. Additionally, the Proposed Action involves constructing and connecting new channels; constructing roadside drainage ditches; installing a series of pipe culverts; and acquiring one structure in Gilmore, Arkansas. The primary goal of the Proposed Action is to reduce flood risk and flood-related damages in Joiner, Turrell, Gilmore, and surrounding areas by improving stormwater drainage capacity, reducing flood depths, enhancing community resilience, and improving access during storm events.

You may view a copy of the FONSI and associated Environmental Assessment at the following website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/arkansas>

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