

**Exhibit C: CORRESPONDENCE**

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: Oct.26, 1997
Louis Kowalski	SEH	612-490-2068
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Agency coordination for diversion study		

1. Mr. Kowalski asked for names of contacts for the agency coordination required by the contract.
2. I told him that the FWS had decided to have the lead be in the Minnesota office.
3. The MDNR contact is Dave Johnson and the NDGF contact is Mike McKenna.
4. I said that I would call and introduce the SEH biologist, Kelly Bettendorf and that she could then contact the agencies for their initial concerns.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: Oct.26, 1997
Lynn Lewis	FWS Minnesota	612-725-3548 X 201
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Agency coordination for diversion study		

1. I left a voicemail message for Ms. Lewis to inform her that the SEH biologist would be contacting her regarding FWS concerns about the diversion structure.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: Oct.26, 1997
Dave Johnson	MDNR	612-215-1954
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Agency coordination for diversion study		

1. I informed Mr. Johnson that the SEH biologist would be contacting him regarding coordination of the study of the diversion.
2. I asked Mr. Johnson for a POC for the levee study. He informed me that at least for this study, contacts for EIS matters would be done through him.
3. He said that he has visited the area and generally sees the levee plan as being positive from an environmental standpoint given the opportunity for creating a greenway along the river.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: Oct.26, 1997
Mike McKenna	NDGF	701-328-6300
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Agency coordination for diversion study		

1. I informed Mr. McKenna that the SEH biologist would be contacting him regarding coordination of the study of the diversion.
2. I asked Mr. McKenna for a POC for the levee study. He informed me that at least for this study, contacts for EIS matters would be done through him.
3. He said that he does not see the levee plan as negative from an environmental standpoint. He would prefer to comment on the diversion after more specific information is available.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: March 9, 1998
Steve Dyke	ND Game and Fish	701-328-6347
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Scope of the EIS and other concerns		

1. I called Mr. Dyke to ask if he would be attending the Greenway meeting at UND.
2. We agreed to meet during the Greenway meeting and discuss potential issues in person.
3. Mr. Dyke said that, based on what he knew about the project, he wasn't expecting to have significant concerns.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: March 12, 1998
Mike Sauer	ND Dept of Health	701-328-2354
Terry Ellsworth	US FWS Bismarck	701-250-4491
Steve Dyke	ND Game and Fish	701-328-6347
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Scoping EIS and areas of concern		

1. The above listed met during the Greenway meeting to discuss the areas to be addressed in the EIS and what opportunities might arise during the study.
2. Mr. Sauer suggested looking for opportunities for wetland restoration, especially old river channel. He also pointed out that there were potential contaminants in the river which should be investigated if any channel modification would be contemplated.
3. Mr. Ellsworth reviewed the possible channel mod alignment. He discussed the potential for restoration of a vegetation buffer of riparian habitat.
4. Mr. Dyke discussed the potential for wetland development and the restoration of native vegetation. He was concerned about the potential for erosion if channel modifications were done. He further stressed the need to maintain fishing access and to look for opportunities for fish habitat development.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: April 14, 1998
Paul Burke	USFWS-Twin Cities	612-725-3548 X 205
Con Christianson	MDNR-Ecol. Svcs., St. Paul	612-297-2565
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting		

1. I asked Mr. Burke and Mr. Christianson to meet and discuss any outstanding issues regarding natural resources effects of the proposed project. I provided the latest version of the project alignment and copies of the proposed greenway plan.
2. I explained the criteria for selecting the alignment, the potential for channel modification, and the results of the greenway workshops.
3. After some discussion of various features, we concluded that the greenway would provide an increase in habitat value that would more than offset minor adverse effects from construction of the project.
4. Mr. Christianson said that he would consult with the area managers for fisheries and wildlife regarding the proposed plan.
5. Mr. Burke said that he would pass on information from the meeting to Terry Ellsworth, the US FWS contact in the Bismarck, North Dakota Field Office.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: April 15, 1998
Michael Sauer	ND Dept. of Health	701-328-2354
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Excavation of Red River Sediments		

1. Mr. Sauer called regarding the scoping letter. He said that he thought that the issues identified to date were sufficient for the scope of the EIS.
2. We discussed the possible channel excavation at Reeves Drive. Mr. Sauer said that the sediment should be tested to help determine the methods of excavation and disposal. Composite samples at intervals to the depth of excavation should be sufficient. Samples should be subjected to elutriate testing for trace metals and persistent organic compounds.
3. I told Mr. Sauer that the time constraints for finishing the report within the budget cycle might require that we establish a programmatic agreement to deal with the specifics of the plan, testing, and disposal at a later date.
4. We agreed that we would coordinate with the MPCA to resolve issues if this feature is pursued.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION		Date: May 5, 1998
Jeff Lewis	MPCA-Detroit Lakes	218-847-1519
John T. Shyne	COE MVPPE-M	612-290-5270
GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS FLOOD CONTROL EIS		
SUBJECT: Coordination		

1. I was informed by email that Mr. Lewis would handle coordination for the project in lieu of the St. Paul office.
2. Mr. Lewis and I discussed various aspects of the project.
3. Mr. Lewis is familiar with the project area and the proposed plan. He has attended Greenway meetings and worked on post-flood cleanup.
4. When asked, Mr. Lewis stated that, based on what he knew about the project, he did not anticipate that any serious issues would arise. He said that it was not necessary to add any issues to the scope of the EIS.
5. I explained my concerns about meeting the schedule and he said that he would handle the coordination but would check with Larry Zdon, our usual contact.



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June 30, 1998

Lieutenant Colonel William J. Breyfogle  
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Breyfogle:

## **Draft Scoping Document, East Grand Forks/Grand Forks Flood Control Project**

The Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the Draft Scoping Document for the flood control project in East Grand Forks, Minnesota and Grand Forks, North Dakota, and has no comments to offer at this time. The Department looks forward to working with the U.S. Army Corps in the development and implementation of the set back levee project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (612) 215-1954.

Sincerely,  
**DNR Waters**



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FDR Hydrologist

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Dear Mr. McNally:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on Greenway Features for the Flood Control Plan in Grand Forks, North Dakota. We recognize that Greenway Plans must be compatible with overall flood control objectives. As a follow-up to our conversation last Thursday, at the Greenway Public Workshop in Grand Forks, this Department submits the following ideas for your consideration:

The development of riparian wetlands should be given high priority in the project. As a screening method, the location of riparian wetlands, that were lost for a variety of reasons in the past, could be identified and considered for restoration. In the event these areas are not compatible with the floodway, other areas for wetland creation should be considered.

We welcome the opportunity to provide the Corps with detailed criteria for prioritizing restoration and/or creation of wetlands in the floodway, as well as design features that optimize water quality.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 701-328-5237.

Sincerely,

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