

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested agencies, groups and individuals

This is to give notice that Madison County Community Development (MCCD) and the City of Wood River (CWD) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Grant Number: B-24-CP-IL-0769 is located in a wetland, and MCCD will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is deepening and expanding the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Detention Pond in Wood River, Madison County. In order to remove several homes from the flood plain, CWD plans to bring the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pond, a 13.25-acre palustrine pond and freshwater emergent wetland, to its original designed depth and expand it within the parcel as part of a larger detention pond project. The floodwater storage and conveyance functions of this pond wetland will be enhanced by the proposed project.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by MCCD or WCD at the following address on or before May 22, 2025: 111 North Wood River Ave. Wood River Illinois, 62095 and (618) 251-3122, Attention: Mike Velloff, Director of Public Services. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am - 5:00pm at the above address and woodriver.org. Comments may also be submitted via email at [mvelloff@cityofwoodriver.com](mailto:mvelloff@cityofwoodriver.com)

Date: May 6, 2025