

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed  
Activity in a Designated Floodplain and 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) has determined that the following proposed action under HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Grant Number: B-24-CP-IL-0769 and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant number EMC-2023-FM-001-0012<sub>1</sub> is located in the 100-year floodplain as depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel 1704510005B, effective date May 1, 1979, and panel 1704360110B, effective April 15, 1982. MCCD and CWD will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 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 is located at the existing 6<sup>th</sup> Street Detention Pond in Wood River, Madison County, IL and includes approximately 80 acres to the east and north across 9<sup>th</sup> Street. In order to remove several homes from the floodplain, CWD plans to increase stormwater storage by 1) bringing the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pond, which includes an approximately 5-acre palustrine pond, approximately 6.5 acres of freshwater emergent wetland, and approximately 0.2 acres of riverine surface waters, to the pond's original designed depth and expand it within the parcel to 599,950-cubic-yards, 2) construct a new 418,700-cubic-yard detention pond east of 9<sup>th</sup> Street which would be hydrologically connected to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pond via a new culvert under 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 3) store excavated soils in three areas – the field east of the new 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pond, the field north of the new 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pond, and a field further north than this northern field which is south of Hill Top Lane, 4) replace the aging 26 cubic feet per second (cfs) capacity pump with a 55 cfs pump, and 5) create a temporary passageway between the new 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pond and the soil storage field further to the east. The overall footprint includes approximately 115 acres. The proposed project would increase floodwater storage and conveyance functions of the existing pond, would allow for groundwater recharge, would support habitat, and offer the potential for educational and scientific programs.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and 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 floodplain and wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain and wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the floodplain and 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 the floodplain and 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 June 9, 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 8:00 - 5:00 at the above address and woodriver.org. Comments may also be submitted via email at [mvelloff@cityofwoodriver](mailto:mvelloff@cityofwoodriver).

Date: May 23, 2025