

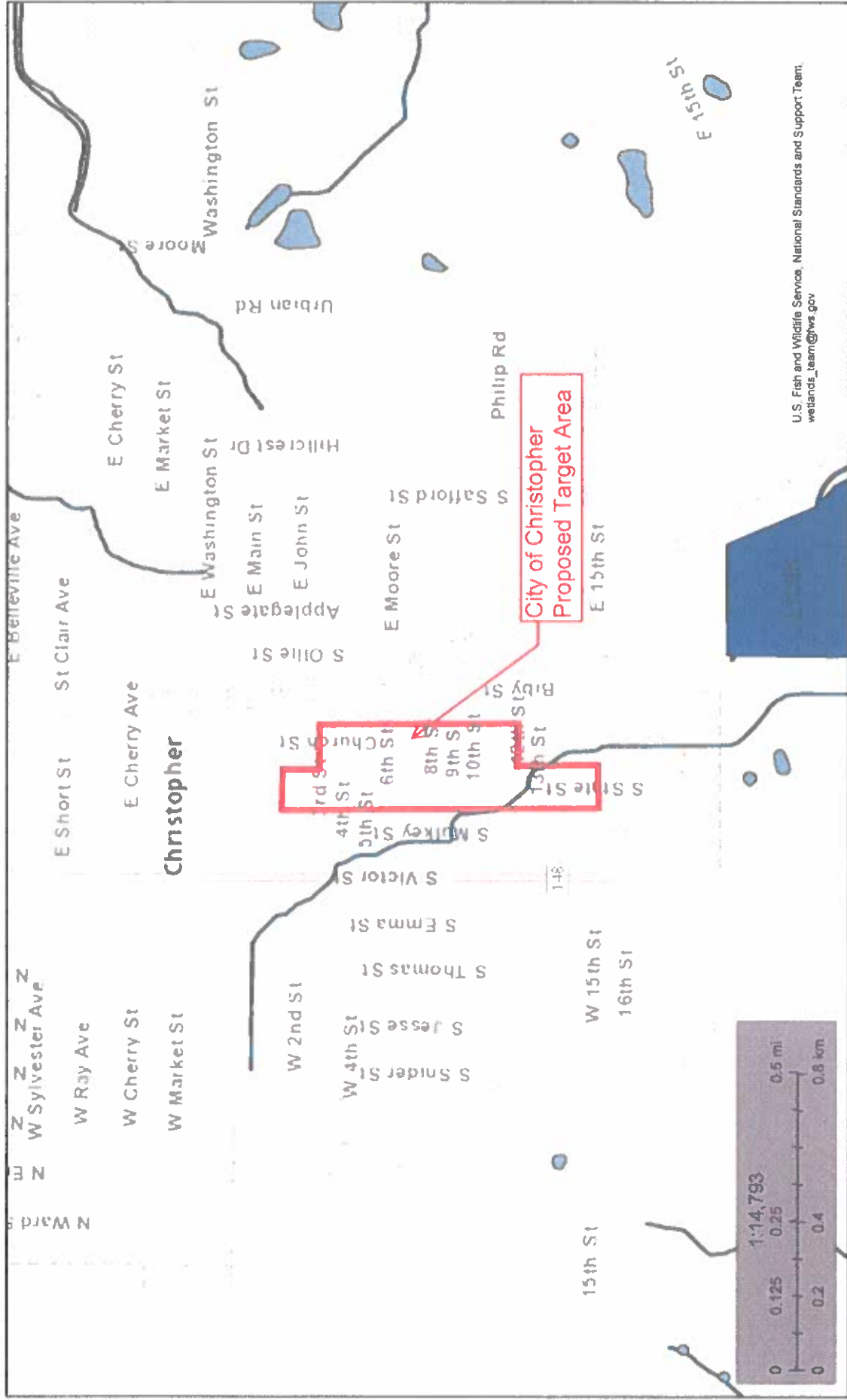


U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wetlands Inventory

City of Christopher

Proposed Sanitary Sewer System Improvements



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Standards and Support Team, wetlands_team@fws.gov

This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.

September 25, 2017

Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

City of Christopher
HUD 8-Step Review for Construction within a Wetlands
Review conducted 1-22-18

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Eight Step Review and Decision Making Process for Project Located in a wetlands

City of Christopher, Illinois
CDBG Grant for Public Infrastructure

Proposed Action

Replacement of approximately 2,603' of 8", 597' of 10" and 285' of 18" sanitary sewer main, 5,000' of 4" sewer service pipe, 78 service transfers, and 15 sanitary sewer manholes are to be replaced.

Step 1: *Determine whether the proposed action is located in a wetlands*

A review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Map has determined that sites in or around the proposed sanitary sewer system improvement project for the City of Christopher are within a wetland.

Step 2: *Notify the public at the earliest possible time of a proposal to consider an action in a wetlands, and involve the affected and interest public in the decision making process*

A public notice describing the project was published in the Southern Illinoisan Newspaper on January 24, 2018. The add targeted local residents, including those in the wetlands. A copy of the published notification is kept in the project's environmental review record. The required 15 calendar days were allowed for public comment.

There were no comments received.

Step-3: *Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to locating the proposed action in a wetlands*

The City of Christopher considered 3 alternatives

1. **No Build Alternative** - The City of Christopher could refuse to make the proposed improvements in the areas of the wetland and simply maintain the current mains and manholes and continue to let them overflow into ditches and onto private property.
2. **Re-locate the Existing Sewer Mains** - The City of Christopher could completely remove the current mains and re-route them at a great cost to the City and possibly leave homes without sewer service.

3. Locate the Project within a wetlands - The proposed project seeks to resolve a significant threat to public safety and health. Sewer mains to be replaced lie underground within the city right-of-way and will not be affected by inundation of the wetlands.

Step-4: *Identify potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the occupancy or modification of the wetlands*

Replacing the sewer mains where they currently lie will have no impact to the wetlands because the mains and manholes will be within an existing sewer system and falls on existing city streets. The new mains will be directionally bored in the area of the wetlands therefore the wetlands will not be impacted.

Step 5: *Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the wetlands and to restore, and preserve the values of the wetlands*

There are no adverse impacts. The area of the wetlands within the Target Area of the proposed project is a small stream that crosses South State Street between 13th Street and 12th Street and is approximately 5' wide. There is currently a box culvert in place under South State Street to accommodate the flow of water for this stream. The proposed mains will be directionally bored under the stream and current box culvert, there will be no elevation change, therefore no impact on the wetlands.

Step 6: *Reevaluate the Alternatives*

Although the work is in a wetlands, it will be conducted on existing city streets. It is better to conduct the work on existing streets rather than not do the work at all.

Step 7: *Determination of No Practicable Alternative*

It is the City of Christopher's determination that there is no practical alternative for partially locating the project in the wetlands. This is due to the need to replace existing deteriorating sewer mains to prevent overflowing of manholes into ditches and onto city streets.

A final notice was published in the Southern Illinoisan Newspaper on February 12, 2018

No concerns were expressed by the public concerning this notice.

Step 8: *Implement the Proposed Action*

The City will assure that this plan as described above, is executed and necessary language will be included in all agreements with participating parties. The City will also take an active role in monitoring the construction process to ensure no unnecessary impacts occur nor unnecessary risks are taken.

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**EARLY NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECT
TO BE LOCATED IN A WETLANDS**

Publication Date: January 24, 2018

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES,
GROUPS, AND PERSONS:**

As required by Executive Order 11990, this is an early public notice to promote public understanding and provide opportunities for public involvement.

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The City of Christopher has determined that this proposed project would occur in a wetlands and the City of Christopher must therefore complete an eight step review. This public notice is step 2.

The City of Christopher has additional information on this proposed project that can be reviewed weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Engineer, John H. Crawford & Associates, 201 South Division Street, Carbondale, Illinois 62918. Interested persons may also call Rodney Polts, PE at 618-985-6370 for additional information about this proposed project. The City of Christopher is now evaluating potential alternatives, the potential impact of the proposed project, and potential mitigation to minimize wetlands impact.

Written comments on this proposed project are invited and must be received by Stephen Gilbert, City Clerk at The Christopher City Hall, 208 North Thomas Street, Christopher, Illinois 62822 by February 9, 2018. All such comments will be taken into consideration by the City of Christopher prior to its decision on the proposed project.

Gary Bartolotti,
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Final Notice Of Decision Regarding Project To Be Located In A Wetlands

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This decision is based on an evaluation of the following alternatives:

1. No Build Alternative - The City of Christopher could refuse to make the proposed improvements in the areas of the wetlands and simply maintain the current mains and manholes and continue to let them overflow into ditches and onto private property.

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Gary Bartolotti Mayor 20623722 02/14

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