

**COMBINED NOTICE
FINAL NOTICE OF DECISION REGARDING
PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN A
FLOODPLAIN, NOTICE OF FINDING OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, AND NOTICE
OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF
FUNDS**

Village of Gulfport
RR 1, Box G8
Carman, IL 61425
November 30, 2016

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GROUPS, AND PERSONS:
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The Village of Gulfport hereby states that this proposed project would occur within an identified 100-year floodplain. However, the Village of Gulfport has reached a decision that this is the only practicable alternative for this proposed project.

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

No Action - Currently the Village of Gulfport and Henderson County Levee and Drainage District Number 1 and 2 only have one diesel powered pump to keep the water level at a reasonable level. The current conditions leaves the Village of Gulfport and unincorporated Henderson County vulnerable to major flooding if their current pump goes down. The existing pump does not have a backup, and it needs serious maintenance. However, the pumping of seepage water and precipitation is on-going. Thus, "No Action" would eventually result in interior flooding if the pump goes down and must be taken out of service for repairs. Also, it most likely will not keep up with pumping during a major flood event.

Alternative 1 -Eliminate the Levee: Deconstruct the levee to allow interior drainage to naturally flow out. However, this will result in interior flooding most of the time at low levels that would prevent agricultural activities. Also, this would result in higher water tables that would render the septic systems in Gulfport useless thereby creating a public health situation.

Alternative 2 -Install a public sewer system and waste water treatment facility for Gulfport: This alternative would eliminate the need for septic systems, but would not sufficiently address the interior drainage issues. Further, the O&M costs for the small community of Gulfport on their own WWTP would like be unsustainable due to prevailing socio-economic conditions.

Alternative 3 -Raising the levee to 500 year level of protection: This alternative would help reduce the flood risk, but still does not address the need for ongoing pumping of seepage and storm water to keep the water table low enough for the septic systems to work properly.

The Village of Gulfport would, however, ensure that this proposed project conforms to all state and local floodplain protection standards, but no mitigation measures are anticipated to be required.

The Village of Gulfport has additional information on this proposed project that can be reviewed weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Western Illinois Regional Council, 223 South Randolph Street, Macomb, Illinois 61455. Interested persons may also call Michael Bruner at (309) 837-3941 for additional information about this proposed project.

Written comments on this proposed project are invited and must be received by Michael

Bruner at Western Illinois Regional Council, 223 South Randolph Street, Macomb, Illinois 61455 by December 15, 2016. All such comments will be taken into account by the Village of Gulfport prior to its decision on the proposed project.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 16, 2016 of Gulfport submit a request to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) the release of funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Public Infrastructure under the and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Drainage Pump Station Improvements the purpose of the Village of Gulfport drainage pump station. These improvements consist of (a) the refurbishing of two previously purchased new electric storm pumps; (b) the demolition of the existing 1908 flood pump station; (c) the conversion of the existing flood pump station base and the construction of the new intake/pump holding structure over Carthage Lake leading to the base, into a new pump structure; and (d) the installation of the new two refurbished pumps the new pump station structure.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Village of Gulfport has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

(NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Western Illinois Regional Council, 223 South Randolph Street, Macomb, Illinois 61455 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to FEMA 1771-DR, Illinois Presidential Disaster Declaration as of September 2, 2008, and the local and state 15-day public comment periods are being combined.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Village of Gulfport and to the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). All comments received by December 15, 2016 will be considered by the Village of Gulfport and the State of Illinois DCEO prior to the Village authorizing submission of a request for release of funds to the State of Illinois. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Village of Gulfport certifies to the State of Illinois that Delbert Alber in his capacity as Interim Village President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Village of Gulfport to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Illinois will accept objections to its release of funds and the Village of Gulfport's certification for the same period of fifteen days prior to the Village's anticipated submission date of the Request for Release of Funds or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Village of Gulfport; (b) the Village of Gulfport has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Illinois; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures

(24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) at 500 East Monroe Street, Ridgely Building, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Potential objectors should contact the State of Illinois to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Delbert Alber
Interim Village President
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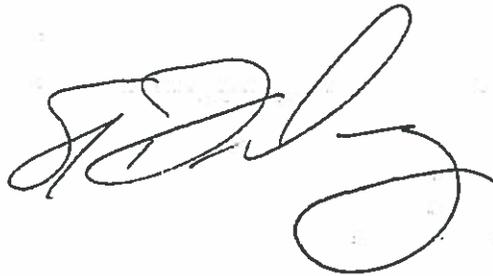
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I, Steve Delaney, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Editor/Publisher of The Hawk Eye Company, a corporation, printers and publishers of The Hawk Eye, a newspaper of general circulation published in said County, and that the attached notice was published once in said newspaper on 11/30/2016.

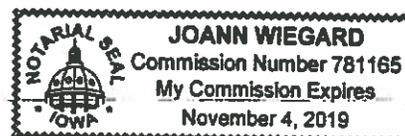
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Sworn and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, on the 30th day of November, 2016.



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