

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and HUD grant number B-23-UN-17-0001. See proposed project locations below:

Community	Project / Location	Flood Zone / FEMA Map #
Cahokia Heights Saint Clair County	<p>The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA). The purpose of project is to alleviate flooding within the Piat Place Neighborhood by upgrading the stormwater trunk sewer and piped network. A total of 166 households will directly benefit from the new systems. The new storm sewer culvert would outlet from the neighborhood into the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Frank Holten State Park. The outlet will meander through the park within a constructed two stage stormwater channel before outlet into Whispering Willow Lake.</p> <p>Location: Within the Piat Place neighborhood of Cahokia Heights, IL. The project boundaries consist of Piat Place to the north, Lake Drive to the south, N.58th Street to the west, and Pittsburgh Drive to the east, Centreville, IL Saint Clair County</p>	<p>FIRM 17163C0180D Prelim17163C0177E Approximately 44.3 acres are mapped as an AH 100-year floodplain within the urban area northeast of Lake Drive. An additional 29.3 acres are mapped as Zone AE 100-year floodplain within the Frank Holten State Park.</p>

St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain/wetland. These projects must take place in a floodplain because the projects are site specific to those locations and assists the most individuals in comparison to other reviewed sites. No alternatives have been considered other than not completing the projects. The project is designed to regain control of water during rain events and alleviate areas of flooding to create a safe environment for the community. These projects will conform to compliance with state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures where applicable.

St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands 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 floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department at the following address on or before February 23, 2026: The St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department, 19 Public Square, Suite 200, Belleville, IL 62220 and (618)277-6790, Attention: Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the address mentioned above. Comments may also be submitted via email at Richard.Stubblefield@co.st-clair.il.us.

Date: **02/13/2026**