

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 231 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, SUITE 1500 CHICAGO IL 60604

January 30, 2020

CELRC-PMD-EF

Dear Recipient,

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (Corps) will be preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document on the impacts associated with a proposed sewer replacement project in Lake County, Gary, Indiana. The Gary Sanitary District is working with the Corps to replace aging sewer infrastructure to accommodate the needs of the City in the project boundaries for the next 50 years. The project boundaries for the 13th Avenue Sewer Replacement Project are along the 13th Avenue right-of-way from Johnson Street to Roosevelt Street, all located in Gary, Lake County, Indiana (Enclosure 1). The Chicago District has performed a Federal Consistency Determination and is requesting concurrence from the IDNR/LMCP. The proposed activity complies with Indiana's approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program

The proposed project will replace approximately 2,030 linear feet of existing 30-inch, 42-inch and 48-inch poured in place concrete sanitary sewer with a new reinforced concrete (RCP) sewer of the same sizes, in the same location and slope as the existing sewer. On October 28, 2019, the sewer system failed at the intersection of 13th Avenue and Garfield Street. A large sinkhole was formed and an emergency repair was needed to prevent sewer overflows, basement backups, and to restore the road. Installed in the 1920's, the existing sewer is severely corroded, crumbling, and beyond its useful life. The new sewer will connect to the existing sewer at the downstream (west) end at a manhole in the intersection of 13th Avenue and Roosevelt Street east to Johnson Street. The project will also include nine (9) new manholes, existing manhole and pipe removal, dewatering, bypass pumping and pavement repair.

As part of the NEPA scoping process, the Chicago District would appreciate any comments or concerns you might have about any potential impacts from this proposed project. Enclosure 2 is a list of State and Federal Agencies, Tribal Nations and general public receiving this request.

Please provide concurrence or any comments, marking your reply to the attention of Mr. Robbie Sliwinski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 231 South La Salle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or by email at robbie.sliwinski@usace.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Mr. Sliwinski at (312) 846-5486.

Sincerely,

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Gary Sanitary District 13th Avenue

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