

**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 (CDBG) and HUD grant number B-26-UC-17-0005. See proposed project locations below:

Community	Project / Location	Flood Zone / FEMA Map #
Village of Sauget Saint Clair County	The project is located within the FFRMS and was determined by utilizing the 1% annual chance Base Flood Elevation (BFE) on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel which naturally functions for stormwater conveyance and flood storage in the American Bottom basin. The project will involve 1,260 linear feet of cured in place lining of an existing sewer/storm line at the below mentioned location. Because the project is entirely subsurface and trenchless, the project will require no open-trench ground excavation, will not alter existing surface, and will not reduce the flood storage capacity or natural functions of the floodplain Location: The project will be located along RTE 3 (Mississippi Ave) in the lot/field owned by Cryalis Biosciences. Manholes/access points to inspect, record, review and clean these sewers are located on the West side of IL Rte 3, in the field owned by Crysalis, East of the wastewater treatment plant.	Floodplain Zone AH FIRM 17163C0160D Approx. .04 Acres of Acres Floodplain Impacted
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Caseyville Township Saint Clair County	The project involves rehabilitation of existing sewer lines that cross beneath unnamed tributaries perpendicular to the wetland flow. Per U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this specific wetland habitat is characterized by a defined channel that experiences seasonal, temporary flooding but remains dry during late summer and autumn months. The bed is primarily composed of sand and gravel. The project will involve 1,887 linear feet of cured in place lining of existing sewer lines at the below mentioned location. Because the project is entirely subsurface and trenchless, the project will require no open-trench ground excavation, will not alter existing surface, and will not reduce the flood storage capacity or natural functions of the floodplain Location: The project is located in the Bountiful Heights North subdivision in Fairview Heights. Specifically, along Concord Drive and Pleasant lane.	National Wetlands Inventory Code: R4SBC Zero surface impact or modification of the wetland
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St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department completed the 8-Step Process and 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. Because these infrastructure improvements are tied to existing facilities, the project locations are site-specific. Moving the projects entirely outside of the floodplain or wetland was determined to be impracticable as it would fail to address the infrastructure needs. Design alternatives were evaluated, including the "No Action" alternative, which was rejected because it would leave the community with degraded infrastructure and ongoing health and safety/drainage vulnerabilities. To minimize environmental impacts, the project will implement measures such as engineering and grading controls to improve local drainage and reduce standing water. As well as Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion and sediment control, such as silt fencing and soil stabilization, to prevent construction runoff into wetlands. These projects will conform to compliance with state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures where applicable.

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 September 8, 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: **08/31/2026**