

# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, in conjunction with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, has applied for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Superior Basin Improvement Project. The objective of HMA programs is to fund mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future hazard events or disasters. This project consists of constructing a new storm sewer along Stewart Avenue and connecting to an existing box culvert that outlets into the Grand Calumet River. A new pump station will be constructed to the north end of the basin and installed with higher capacity pumps than current and will discharge to the new storm sewer instead of the combined sewer, which will separate the stormwater from the combined storm sewer system. The existing pump station will be abandoned in place. Also, a new gravity overflow culvert will be added to the basin so that the top few feet of stored stormwater can drain by gravity to the new storm sewer during a storm event. Ground disturbance will be included as part of the demolition of the existing pump station and construction of the new pump station. Impacts to wetlands if experienced will be mitigated through restoration or through purchase of wetland bank credit.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, EO 11988 and EO 11990, public notice is required of any federal actions that may affect floodplains or wetlands. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, public notice is also required for some projects which have the potential to affect historic properties. All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction and completion of the project.

Public participation is encouraged. Those interested are invited to comment within 30 days by e-mail to [fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov) or by mail to:

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