

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City Rockwood has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Planning and Development (CPD), Community Project Funding (CPF) grant program, under grant B-23-CP-MI-0803. The proposed project(s) is located in the City of Rockwood, Wayne County, Michigan. The City of Rockwood (City) intends to replace a series of roadway sections within the incorporated limits of the City (proposed Project). The proposed Project would include the removal of the existing eight inches of reinforced concrete pavement and replacement with eight inches of new reinforced concrete pavement at the below-identified concrete roadway sections. The proposed Project would also include the removal and replacement of existing concrete curbs and gutters, and resetting of manhole covers (identical locations). No changes to the configuration/alignment/location of any of the identified roadway sections is anticipated, and the proposed Project would be limited to areas previously disturbed for existing roadway improvements. The identified concrete roadway sections within the City that require replacement include the following: Huron Meadows Drive - sections between Huron River Drive and Lezotte Drive, including 525 feet of roadway for replacement and the apron area at Huron Meadows Drive and Huron River Drive. Herzog Drive - sections between Huron Meadows Drive and Lezotte Drive, including approximately 950 feet of roadway for replacement. Lezotte Drive - Huron Meadows Drive and Lezotte Drive intersection, east on Lezotte Drive, including approximately 125 feet of roadway for replacement. Candace Drive - Huron Meadows Drive and Candace Drive intersection, northwest on Candace Drive, including approximately 210 feet of roadway for replacement. Candace Drive - Candace Drive and Huron Meadows Drive intersection east on Candace Drive to 20012 Candace Drive, including approximately 265 feet of roadway for replacement. Candace Drive - from 2011 Candace to the east, including approximately 410 feet of roadway for replacement. Astrid Court - entire court, including approximately 265 feet of roadway proposed for replacement. Mary Court - entire court, including approximately 285 feet of roadway proposed for replacement. Burton Street - Harding Street north to Roosevelt Street - approximately 300 feet of roadway proposed for replacement. Josephine Street-entire Street, including approximately 180 feet of roadway proposed for replacement. Giovanna Drive-entire Street, including approximately 365 feet of roadway for replacement.

A small portion of this proposed Project is located in a 100-year floodplain. According FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) 26163C0509E dated February 2, 2012, and 26163C0528F, dated October 21, 2021, portions of Hurons Meadows Drive (approximately 650 feet or 0.3 acre), Astrid Court (approximately 500 feet or 0.23 acre), and Mary Court (approximately 500 feet or 0.23 acre) are located in the 100-year floodplain; however the proposed Project is not a critical action, the small portions in the floodplain represent approximately 1,600 feet (approximately 0.73 acre or 8.8%) of the approximately 18,000 feet (approximately 8.3 acres) of roadway to be replaced.

The City of Rockwood has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The Proposed Action is limited to replacement of existing roadways in the same configuration as the existing roadways; as such, other alternatives were not available or considered. To minimize the potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the floodplain and to restore, and preserve the values of the floodplain, the use of standard BMPs with these types of road replacement projects, should minimize direct and indirect impacts to the associated floodplain. Disturbances would temporary and are to replace existing infrastructure roadways. Post-construction hydrological conditions will match pre-construction hydrological conditions (no floodplain modification), no wetlands will be impacted (directly or indirectly), and the limits of the project are included within the established public right-of-way (no use change). As such, the only mitigation measures required are part of the standard construction process (BMPs) associated with road replacements, including maintaining existing permeable surfaces, maintaining natural hydrology post-construction, and restoring native plant species post-construction.

The City of Rockwood has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain 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 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 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, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Rockwood at the following address on or before June 29, 2024. Attention: Troy Cox, Rockwood Mayor, City of Rockwood Offices, 32409 Fort Road in Rockwood, Michigan 48173. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, at the above address. Comments may also be submitted via email at tcox@rockwoodmi.org

Date: June 21, 2024