

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), South Holland, 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 Thorn Ditch Flood Mitigation 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 is for the final phase of this flood mitigation project. This phase is proposing to replace and upsize the existing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert along the Thorn Ditch under Dobson and Greenwood Avenues with a 7-foot by 7-foot reinforced concrete box culvert to increase water conveyance and maximize benefits from the overall project. Phase 1 of this project is already underway and is not being funded by FEMA. Phase 1 of the project consists of improving ditch conveyance by replacing 3 existing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culverts with new 7'x7' or 10'x7' reinforced concrete box culverts under Woodlawn Ave Kimbark Ave and Kenwood Ave. The project also includes constructing two detention basins resulting in 11.8 acres of added detention capacity. This project will decrease flood heights to vulnerable structures along Thorn Ditch.

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 or by mail to:

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