

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies [MN Board of Water and Soil Resources, Department of Natural Resources, Hennepin County, Department of Housing and Urban Development], Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that City of Corcoran has determined that the following proposed action under Community Project Funding and B-23-CP-MN-0883 is located in the 100-year floodplain and wetland, and City of Corcoran will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

This project supports the City of Corcoran's efforts to provide a safe, clean and reliable drinking water to a significant portion of the City. This project includes the extension of 16- and 20-inch diameter water main, 30-inch dia. sanitary sewer and 16-inch diameter raw water main. This project will supply raw water to a water treatment plant (WTP) and treated water to a water tower (Tower). Both the Plant and the Tower are currently under construction separately from this project. This project will distribute treated water to existing city businesses and residents. The sanitary sewer will be extended to the water treatment facility to allow for the backwash water from the treatment facility to be discharged to the Met Council wastewater system. The raw water main and the sewer pipe will be constructed adjacent to and in conjunction with the treated water main. Types of work anticipated with this project include: ground disturbance to install the water main and sanitary sewer underground and removal of trees and shrubs for the installation of pipes. While the project will occur within 2.6 acres of wetland and 1.8 acres of 100-year floodplain, the project will not alter the existing topography or elevation as all ground disturbances will be restored to existing conditions once the water main and the sanitary sewer have been installed underground. Additionally, native seeding will be used to ensure full restoration of the area disturbed due to the project. There are no permanent or long-term impacts anticipated to the wetland or the floodplain due to this project. This temporary impact falls under the no loss section of Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), Minnesota Rule (MR) 8420.0415, Item H. 2.6 acres of wetland and 1.8 acres of 100-year floodplain fall within the project construction limit. The proposed project is located adjacent to 19951 Oswald Farm Rd, Rogers, MN 55374.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and 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 and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by City of Corcoran at the following address on or before September 5, 2023: Kevin Mattson, 8200 County Rd 116, Corcoran, MN 55340 and 763-420-2288, Attention: Kevin

Mattson, Public Works Director. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8am-4:30pm at the same address listed above. Comments may also be submitted via email at kmattson@corcoranmn.gov.

Date: August 17, 2023