

FEMA Awards Hazard Mitigation Grants to DePue and Peru

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released \$687,062 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds to the Village of DePue, Ill., for the construction of a floodwall and floodwater storage basin to protect a wastewater treatment plant. FEMA has also released \$365,428 in PDM funds to the City of Peru, Ill., for the construction of a floodwall to protect the city's east wastewater treatment plant.

"The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate the risk of loss of life and property," said Janet M. Odeschoo, deputy regional administrator, FEMA Region V. "These flood reduction measures will protect the wastewater treatment plants in these communities from flood damage, lessening the financial impact on individuals and the communities when future flooding occurs in these areas."

"The projects made possible by these grants will enable Peru and DePue to better protect their wastewater treatment facilities from floodwaters and, as a result, better protect the health and safety of their citizens," said William P. Robertson, acting director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

PDM provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. The Village of DePue will provide an additional \$76,340 for their project, and the City of Peru will provide \$121,809 in remaining funds for their project.

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