DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Town of Dunn Storm Shelter
Town of Dunn, Dane County, Wisconsin
FEMA PDMC-PJ-05-WI-2007-004

The Town of Dunn, Wisconsin, has applied for funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) for assistance with the construction of an above ground storm shelter, the Proposed Action, to provide shelter to residents of the Bay View Mobile Home Park during severe storms, including tornadoes. DHS/FEMA is proposing to provide assistance for this project through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation—Competitive (PDM-C) program under Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts for implementation of the pump stations and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The Proposed Action, as described in the EA, will not result in any significant adverse impacts to geology, groundwater, floodplains, public services and utilities, public health and safety, hazardous materials, socioeconomic resources, low income or minority populations, biological resources or cultural resources. During the construction period, short-term impacts to soils, surface water, transportation, air quality, and noise are anticipated. All short-term impacts require conditions to minimize and mitigate impacts to the proposed project site and surrounding areas. The project was coordinated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Historical Society, and all federally recognized Tribes in the State of Wisconsin.

CONDITIONS

The following conditions were developed to mitigate the potential impacts of this project and must be met as part of this project. Failure to comply with these conditions and the conditions contained in the EA may jeopardize Federal funds:

1. The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State and Federal permits and approvals.

2. The applicant will monitor ground disturbance during the construction phase; should human skeletal remains, or historic or archaeological materials be discovered during construction, all ground-disturbing activities on the project site shall cease and the applicant shall notify the coroner's office (in the case of human remains), FEMA, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the Burial Sites Preservation Office immediately.

3. If deviations from the proposed scope of work result in substantial design changes, the need for additional ground disturbance, additional removal of vegetation, or in any other unanticipated changes to the physical environment, the Grantee must contact FEMA, and a re-evaluation under NEPA and other applicable environmental laws will be conducted by FEMA.

4. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit must be obtained prior to construction; appropriate Best Management Practices, such as installing silt fences and revegetating bare soils, would minimize runoff and soil erosion.

5. Construction vehicles and equipment would be stored on site during project construction and appropriate signage would be a posted on affected roadways. All construction activities would be performed using qualified personnel and in accordance with the standards specified in Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. Construction would take place only during normal business hours and all equipment would meet local, State and Federal noise regulations.

6. Proposed construction activities would require only minimal excavation. Any hazardous materials discovered, generated, or used during construction would be handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable local, State, and Federal Regulations.

FINDINGS

Based upon the conditions and information contained in the EA for the Town of Dunn Storm Shelter (November 2008) and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), FEMA has determined that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

APPROVAL

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