

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)
ROAD RELOCATION, ROUND LAKE TWP, MCHENRY COUNTY, ND

In coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) McHenry County North Dakota has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed project to construct a permanent alternate route in McHenry County, ND. FEMA is considering providing funds for eligible costs via the Public Assistance Program implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206. All work will be completed in compliance with applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, etc.

The EA for these actions is pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (PL 91-190) and associated environmental statutes, as implemented in FEMA's regulations 44 CFR Part 10. This EA addresses the purpose and need of the proposed project, project alternatives considered, affected environment, environmental consequences, and impact mitigation measures. Notice is also published in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as implemented in 36 CFR Part 800; and Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, Wetlands Protection, as implemented in 44 CFR Part 9; since these actions may have the potential to affect historic, cultural and archaeological resources, floodplains and wetlands.

The EA is intended to address the proposed work of constructing a permanent alternate route for County Road 10 around the north side of the current boundary of Lake Lemer in Sec. 12, Twp. 153N, Range 76W and Sec. 7, Twp. 153N, Range 75W (Lat/long: 48.0799, -100.3663). The existing gravel road, damaged by flooding in 2011, remains underwater and is considered to be permanently inundated. The purpose of the proposed action is to construct a safe, sustainable, permanent transportation corridor that will provide access for local residents, school buses, emergency vehicles and the traveling public.

The draft EA will be available for public review and comment at the McHenry County Auditor's office, located at 407 Main Street South, Room 201, Towner, ND between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday - Friday. A copy is also available on the McHenry County website at: www.mchenrycountynd.com

The comment period related to the proposed actions described above will remain open for 15 days following the publication of this notice. Comments will be accepted from the affected public; local, state, and federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate environmental impacts of the proposed projects.

Interested persons may obtain more detailed information about the proposed EA from or provide written comments to Darlene Carpenter, McHenry County Auditor, dcarpenter@nd.gov and/or Portia Ross, FEMA Region VIII, Senior Environmental Specialist, portia.ross@fema.dhs.gov.