

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Draft Environmental Assessment  
Linn County, Iowa  
Cedar Rapids Community School District Services Campus**

Notice is hereby given that FEMA is proposing to fund the construction of a new Cedar Rapids Community School District Services Campus project in Linn County, Iowa under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended (The Stafford Act).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment.

**Proposed Action:** Construct a new Cedar Rapids Community School District Services Campus on existing site and recently acquired adjacent parcels. The existing structure and ancillary structures and facilities will be demolished for replacement of an expanded facility consolidating services and facilities previously distributed in multiple locations. A new structure will house the consolidated transportation and bus offices, administration, warehouse, maintenance and grounds-keeping facilities.

**Alternative Action:** This alternative would be to repair all five of the existing Cedar Rapids School District operation facilities to pre-disaster conditions at their current locations in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. All five of the facilities were extensively damaged by the flooding beginning on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The repair of the existing damaged five CRCSO facilities would require bringing the facilities up to the current codes and standards. This alternative was dismissed as being unfeasible due to the complexities in repairing the destruction and reaching compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. This alternative was also dismissed because the four existing facilities located other than the Edgewood Road facility, are located within the 100 year floodplain and are prone to frequent flooding.

**No-Action:** The Cedar Rapids Community School District would not pursue the construction of a District Services Campus. No mitigation action would be taken.

The draft EA addresses the facts considered in determining the location of the project in a portion of the floodplain and wetland, the potential impacts, the associated mitigation to minimize those impacts, and a map. The draft EA is available for review between June 7, 2010 and June 22, 2010 at the following FEMA location and other sites determined by the State of Iowa:

- FEMA website: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region7.shtm>

The Draft EA will be finalized after agency and public review and input. Please provide written comments regarding this action to the FEMA Iowa Recovery Center Environmental Branch Director no later than June 28, 2010. If no comments identifying significant impacts are received by the above deadline, the draft EA will be finalized. A “Finding of No Significant Impact” will be issued by FEMA and no further public notice will be published.

Comments can be mailed to:

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Iowa Recovery Center  
Attn: Environmental Branch Director  
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Urbandale, Iowa 50323

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