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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
CITY OF MCGREGOR STORM WATER FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT  
STORM LAKE, BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA  
FEMA-1763-DR-IA

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the construction of improvements to the City of McGregor storm water infrastructure in Clayton County, Iowa under the authority of Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1763-DR-IA) to provide Federal disaster assistance through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to the State of Iowa.

The Proposed Action is for the construction of three new detention basins outside of municipal borders, retrofitting three existing detention basins, installation of multiple new trash racks at strategic locations, channel stabilization along Buell Avenue, and improvements to segments of the storm sewer system along Center Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ash Street, and Garnavillo Avenue. The purpose of the project is to substantially reduce the frequency and intensity of flooding within the City of McGregor. Given the history and impacts of flooding on the City, improvements to the existing system were identified as a key mitigation project by the City of McGregor Local Hazard Mitigation Plan dated November 2008.

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The public comment period will be from November 21 to December 15, 2011. Written comments on the DEA can be mailed to the address below, faxed to FEMA's Iowa Closeout Center at (515) 224-5756, or emailed to [Fema-ICC-EHP@dhs.gov](mailto:Fema-ICC-EHP@dhs.gov).

The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region7.shtm>. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice.

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