

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for
Clarksville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion and Effluent Line
Replacement Project

A Public Notice regarding an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the proposed Clarksville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion and Effluent Line Replacement Project.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are proposing to assist in funding the reconstruction and related expansion of the Clarksville WWTP, which was damaged by a flooding in 2011. Federal funding will be used to install an effluent line, associated detention pond, and boulder step channel constituting an energy dissipater system to reduce the speed of the effluent before it joins Mill Creek. The Town proposes to expand the existing WWTP to provide treatment capacity for stormwater; however, expansion and renovation of the existing plant is also needed to meet more stringent regulatory thresholds for discharge to Mill Creek. The Clarksville Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at 1 Leuthart Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129. The proposed effluent line extends from the existing treatment plant to Mill Creek located approximately 1,200 feet south of the plant.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an EA is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of proposed alternatives on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

The draft EA is available for review between September 21, 2012 and October 21, 2012 at the Clarksville Town Hall, Suite 208 at 2000 Broadway, Clarksville, IN 47129 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website:

<http://www.fema.gov/recent-environmental-documents-and-public-notice-in-region-v>

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on October 21, 2012 by Nicholas Mueller, Acting Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA, 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521, or at nicholas.mueller@dhs.gov.

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Nicholas Mueller at the address listed above.