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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio in conjunction with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, has applied for funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The objective of Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs is to fund mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future hazard events or disasters. The City of Zanesville will use awarded funds to restore the functional operation of Muskingum Avenue for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists as well as upgrading and relocating the existing sanitary sewer force main for future full replacement.

In the vicinity of Putnam Hill Park, the slope south of Muskingum Ave will be cut back to create a 10 ft. wide bottom bench and barrier wall with a catchment fence adjacent to the back of the curb/gutter. The cutback will result in the removal of approximately 69,083 cubic yards (CY) of soil and rock which will be placed within the ravine on the western side Putnam Hill Park. The access drive on the west side of the park that goes through the ravine will be removed prior to fill placement and replaced with a new multi-use path. The existing Y-Bridge overlook will be removed and a new 68 ft. long by 14 ft. wide concrete overlook with four benches will be constructed at the top of the newly cut bluff and west of the original location. The parking lot and access road adjacent to the existing overlook will be reconstructed and will contain 10 parking spaces. An additional parking area will be constructed east of the new overlook location and will contain 10 parking spaces including 3 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-accessible spaces. Twenty light poles will be installed along the shared-use path, overlook, and parking lots. The north slope of Muskingum Avenue at the location of the landslide will be stabilized with a concrete retaining wall. In addition, a barrier wall will be placed along the north side of the sidewalk along Muskingum Avenue. The project will replace the existing roadway surface, sidewalk, and stormwater drainage system and will reopen these facilities to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. A new sanitary sewer force main will be installed below the westbound lane of Muskingum Avenue.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, public notice is also required for some projects which have the potential to affect historic properties. Several historic resources will be destroyed by the work described above, including a natural spring on the face of the bluff along Muskingum Avenue and three features of the park: a stone bridge, the park's curving drives, and the ravines on the west side of the park.

This project will involve the removal of two jurisdictional streams within the park and will require Clean Water Act permitting through the US Army Corps of Engineers. The purchase of Mitigation Credits will be required, and the applicant has reserved 807 Stream Mitigation Credits from Hodgson Mitigation Bank. All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction and completion of the project.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, public participation is encouraged. FEMA's NEPA Scoping Document for the project titled *Muskingum Avenue Improvements* is available online in FEMA's NEPA repository at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository> or by e-mailing us and requesting a copy for anyone interested in more information about the project. Those interested are invited to comment within 30 days by e-mail to [fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov) or by mail to:

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