

**Early Notice and Public Review of a  
Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **Defiance County Board of Commissioners** has determined that the following proposed action is located in the 100-year floodplain and a wetland, and the **Defiance County Board of Commissioners** will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

**Project Name:** Evansport Sanitary Sewer System Replacement

**Activities:** (1) 700 LF of CIPP 8" Pipe, (2) 28 Manholes rehabbed, (3) Sanitary sewer point repairs and asphalt pavement replacement

**Sources of Funding:**

Federal:	\$500,000.00	CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant PY 2024
Local:	\$61,750.00	Defiance County
TOTAL:	\$561,750.00	

**Location:** Evansport, Defiance County, OH

**Project Description:** Defiance County will assist Evansport with a sanitary sewer system replacement project. The existing sanitary sewer system is too small and causes Combined Sewer Overflows in the collection system which is a health hazard. Proposed improvements to the Evansport sanitary sewer system are specifically oriented to reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration of clean water into the sewer system, including lining of two sections of sanitary sewer and any of the 28 manholes that are found to be allowing I&I to enter the system. Also 10 sewer pipe point repairs and 5 sewer lateral connection repairs are proposed according to the initial 2022 field study. The scope of work includes rehabbing up to 28 manhole structures & covers, installation of 700 LF of CIPP sewer lining for 8" pipe, several sanitary sewer point repairs of the 8" pipe, and asphalt pavement replacement for point and manhole repair locations.

**Total number of acres of floodplain or wetland involved:** 11.6 acres

**How the proposed project may affect the floodplain and wetland:** This project does not have any foreseen adverse effects on the floodplain. This project aims to replace and improve the existing infrastructure that is already present and to make the sanitary sewer system run more efficiently. This will decrease the overall CSOs which could potentially adversely affect the floodplain in which the existing infrastructure is built.

**The Defiance County Board of Commissioners'** alternatives regarding sponsorship of the proposed action include:

1. Approval as proposed;
2. Disapproval;
3. Approval only if all improvements are located outside of the floodplain;
4. Approval of an equivalent project site located outside of the floodplain; and
5. Approval only if no fill is added in floodplain areas.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Additional information regarding the proposed action may be obtained by contacting the **Defiance County Board of Commissioners** by U.S. mail at 1300 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 200, Defiance, OH 43512 or by email at [mvpo@mvpo.org](mailto:mvpo@mvpo.org). A full description of the project may also be reviewed at the above address weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments for consideration to the **Defiance County Board of Commissioners** by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above **before Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, which is at least 15 days after the publication of this notice.

Date: Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024