

Final Public Notice for Potential Impacts to Floodplains

The Village of Portville intends to seek financial assistance from USDA, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for improvements to their existing Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and sanitary sewer collection system. The proposed collection system improvements include sewer main rehabilitation (cured-in place pipe lining, open cut sewer main replacement) and manhole rehabilitation to repair structural defects and reduce the amount of stormwater inflow and infiltration to the collection system. At the WWTF, the existing influent pump station, recirculating pump station, and effluent pump station will be replaced, and the ultraviolet disinfection system will be replaced in-kind or with a chlorine disinfection system. In addition, the community septic tank will be rehabilitated and modified, the filter media beds will be replaced in-kind, the control and monitoring systems will be upgraded, and a new emergency power generator will be installed. Additional minor improvements (such as replacement site piping and conveyance infrastructure) will also be completed.

The project is located in the Village of Portville in Cattaraugus County, New York. The majority of the Village, including the entire WWTF site, is located in the 500-year floodplain mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. RUS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the proposed WWTF and collection system improvements will effect a floodplain. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the Agency is notifying the interested public of this effect. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this effect and that there is a significant need for the proposal. The basis of this determination is because the collection system improvements and most improvements at the WWTF site would only involve temporary disturbances to the 500-year floodplain, as the project primarily involves rehabilitation of existing infrastructure. No comments were received during the Preliminary Floodplain Notice period. The other federal agency involved in this proposal is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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