

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment
For the Improvements to Lift Station #63
City of Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Improvements to Lift Station #63 project.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES) and the City of Fargo through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1981-DR are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Improvements to Lift Station #63 in the River Vili area. 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 each of the 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 proposed storm sewer improvements are anticipated to provide long-term hazard mitigation by increasing pumping capacity which will result in fewer streets and properties being flooded during rainfall and flood events. The HMGP is authorized under Section 404 of the Stafford Act. As part of the HMGP Application and ongoing project development efforts, the City of Fargo held a public meeting on August 8, 2012 and has posted information on the City's website to present the proposed project plans and gather public input. Additional public meetings may be held should public comment warrant. The draft EA is available for review between February 10, 2014 and February 25, 2014 at the Fargo City Hall located at 200 3rd Street North. The draft EA is also available for review online at the City of Fargo website:

[http://www.cityoffargo.com/CityInfo/Departments/Engineering/FloodControlProjectsandProtecti
on/CurrentProjects/RiverVili/](http://www.cityoffargo.com/CityInfo/Departments/Engineering/FloodControlProjectsandProtecti
on/CurrentProjects/RiverVili/)

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on February 25, 2014; however, mailed comments postmarked by February 25, 2014 will be

collected until March 7, 2014. Comments can be sent to Alex Nisbet, KLJ at 2750 Gateway Drive, Suite A, Grand Forks, ND 58203 at alex.nisbet@kljeng.com; and/or Nathan Boerboom, City of Fargo, 200 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND 58102 at NBoerboom@cityoffargo.com; and/or Steven E. Hardegen, DHS/FEMA Region VIII Environmental Officer, Denver Federal Center, Bldg 710A, Denver, CO 80225-0267 at Steven.Hardegen@fema.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 Nathan Boerboom at the City of Fargo or Steven E. Hardegen at the addresses listed above.