

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

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This is to give notice that the City of Albion has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant award through the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The proposed project includes drilling a new well, piping from the well to the distribution system, expanding the water treatment facility building, and purchasing additional water treatment facility equipment. The new well site and underground piping improvements from the well to the distribution system are located within the 100-year floodplain. These improvements are in area that is not more than approximately 70 square feet. The estimated construction budget is \$567,000 with \$249,000 from the Community Development Block Grant and \$318,000 from the DNR State Revolving Fund loan. The well site is located in fallow grassland and is not farmed. The project site is all owned by the City of Albion. The project improvement is needed to comply with the Iowa Department of Natural Resource expectations to have a second source of water. The proposed project well site is located about 1,600 feet south of the Albion corporate limits near the Northwest Right of Way of Highway 330. The City of Albion, 107 S Main Street, Albion, IA 50005 owns the facility.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by City of Albion at the following address on or before December 23, 2019: City of Albion, 107 S Main Street, Albion, IA 50005 and 641-488-2244, Attention: Eric Schimdt, Mayor of Albion. Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at [albioncity@heartofiowa.net](mailto:albioncity@heartofiowa.net). A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday - Friday at 107 S Main Street, Albion, IA 50005.