

Public Notice: Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact – City of Viroqua, WI Sewer Project

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact for public review and comment for 30 calendar days before making the decision on whether, and if so how, to proceed with a proposed action. The EA evaluated the issuance of a Community Grant award to the City of Viroqua, WI for Sewer Project. The project components would include 3 projects:

1. Chicago Avenue Sewer - realignment of a primary mainline (interceptor) sewer that currently lays below an old landfill, elimination of an antiquated lift station by sewer redesign, and a sewer extension,
2. Construction of sewer on Railroad Avenue, a currently unsewered semi-developed residential area, and
3. Construction of sewer on West Broadway, a currently unsewered semi-developed residential area. This project supports current and future commercial, industrial, and residential development as well as protects the environment.

Congress appropriated \$1,223,400 million earmarked for the City of Viroqua, Wisconsin under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117 – 328) for the FY 2023 Sewer Project.

EPA considered two alternatives for the Proposed Project: the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative, which are analyzed in this EA pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and EPA's NEPA procedures under 40 CFR part 6. The EA did not identify significant effects to resources as a result of implementing either the Proposed Action or the No Action Alternative. However, EPA will consider public and agency comments prior to making its decision regarding implementation of the proposed project. After evaluating any comments received, EPA will make a final decision. The preliminary decision and finding will become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

The Draft EA is available for download from EPA's NEPA Compliance Database at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/details?nepaId=458414>. Questions and public comments may be sent to: Kori Johnson-Lane, johnsonlane.kori@epa.gov on or prior to April 4th, 2024.