

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**SECTION 594 SMOKY HOLLOW PROJECT**  
**YOUNGSTOWN, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, is proposing to cost share installation of new water and sanitary sewer lines in Mahoning County, Ohio. The Non-Federal Sponsors are the Wick Neighbors, Inc and the City of Youngstown, Ohio. This project is authorized under Section 594 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 as amended, which has the primary objective of providing design and construction assistance to Non-Federal interests for carrying out water-related environmental infrastructure projects in the State of Ohio.

The proposed project consists of the design and construction of over 1400 feet of water line, over 1000 feet of sanitary sewer line and replacement of the road, curb and affected sidewalk after installation of the new lines. The project area is North Walnut Street from its intersection of Carlton Street, south to the intersection of East Rayen Avenue in the City of Youngstown, Ohio. Current infrastructure consists of a combined sanitary and storm sewer that was installed in the early 1900's out of clay sewer pipe and brick manholes and catch basins. During heavy wet periods, the total wastewater flow exceeds the capacity of the current wastewater system. The current infrastructure is unable to meet the needs of any future redevelopment in the project area.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Non-Federal Sponsors prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the impacts of the proposed plan on environmental and cultural resources within the project area. In compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted and it was determined that the proposed project is not likely to adversely impact federally listed species. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was contacted. The SHPO anticipates no effect to cultural or historical resources from the proposed project.

The Environmental Assessment included a "No Action" alternative, which was determined to be unacceptable because the infrastructure is dilapidated and in need of improvement. If no action is completed, the infrastructure will continue to decline and will not be able to service the area. Additional alternatives considered including repairing or rehabilitating both the existing water and sewer lines. Rehabilitating the current waterlines was decided against since the waterlines do not meet and will not meet fire flow capacities for future redevelopment. Repairing the existing sanitary sewer lines was also rejected as a viable alternative since the current depth of the system is inadequate to service future properties if new dwelling units contain full basements.

Based upon the analysis contained in the Environmental Assessment, I have reasonably determined that the proposed water and sanitary sewer project will not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, as defined in the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. The preparation of an

Environmental Impact Statement is therefore unwarranted, and the public interest will be best served by the implementation of the proposed action. The proposed work is in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations and there are no unresolved environmental issues. This determination precedes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' final decision concerning this proposed action. A notice of availability of this "Finding of No Significant Impact" will be sent to interested parties and placed on the District's website (<http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil>).

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