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St. Paul District

# Public Notice

**Project:** City of Cando Sewer and Water Improvements

**Date:** April 22, 2024

**Expires:** May 22, 2024

**In Reply Refer to:** Regional Planning and  
Environment Division North

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**1. Project Proponent.** St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

**2. Project Authority.** Section 594 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1999, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to provide design and construction assistance for water related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in North Dakota. Such projects include wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply storage, treatment and related facilities, environmental restoration, and surface water resource protection and development. Under this authority, subject to the terms of the relevant cost-sharing agreement, the City of Cando is eligible for Corps reimbursement of 75 percent of the costs of the City's eligible design and construction of the environmental infrastructure.

The cost sharing agreement between the Department of the Army and the City requires that the City afford the USACE the opportunity to review and comment on all design work and contract solicitations and prohibits the issuance of construction contract solicitations and construction work prior to receipt of notification from USACE that all environmental compliance is complete. The Corps will require the best management practices and other avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures identified in this Environmental Assessment (EA) and attachments are incorporated into design work and contract solicitations, for compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and other laws.

**3. Project Location.** The City of Cando is located in Towner County, North Dakota, within the northeastern part of the state, approximately 35 miles north of Devils Lake. The city is located at the intersection of ND Highway 17 and U.S. Highway 281 and is bisected by a BNSF railway.

**4. Summary of the Proposed Project.** The purpose of the proposed action is to update the water and sewer systems in the City of Cando. The project, to be undertaken by the City of Cando, includes rehabilitation of 5 blocks of vitrified clay (VCP) sewer mains by relining with cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) and replacement of VCP with PVC pipe where needed, using open trench methods.

The proposed project would also replace of 3 blocks of VCP sewer mains, install new gravity sewer mains connecting to a new lift station and a new sanitary sewer force main connecting the new lift station to the wastewater lagoons through open trench construction methods. The new gravity sewer mains would replace 1 block of existing

cast iron pipe (CIP) water main. The new sanitary sewer force main, constructed from the new lift station south to the wastewater lagoons, will replace the existing VCP trunk gravity sewer pipe. Portions of the existing trunk VCP gravity sewer main will be rerouted and the old pipes abandoned in-place as they are currently located beneath residential houses and the pasta plant. The project will also replace gate valves, hydrants, water services and non-working curb stops, rehabilitate and replace manholes, restore pavement, conduct miscellaneous concrete repairs, and site restoration.

**5. Construction Schedule.** Construction is scheduled for 2024 and 2025.

## **6. Permits/Coordination.**

a. General. The Proposed Project was coordinated with the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) Grants Coordinator regarding the Cando City Ice Rink, Cando Pool and Park Area, Cando Recreation Improvement area and Cando Tennis Court are protected under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). NDPRD responded stating the Proposed Project would have no effect on LWCF boundaries.

d. Federal. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was prepared and coordinated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

**7. Summary of Environmental Impacts.** The Proposed Project would have temporary minor adverse impacts to noise, air, wildlife, herbaceous vegetation, and soils. Affected resources would be expected to recover from any adverse effects shortly after conclusion of the project. The project would not affect any federally listed species and would have no adverse effects to historic properties. Overall, the project would have a long-term beneficial effect to the residents of the City of Cando from increased dependability of the water and sewer systems.

**8. Report.** A Draft Environmental Assessment that describes the project and the environmental impacts in detail is available to the public and can be viewed at <https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Home/Public-Notices/>. The report includes project drawings, a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, and letters of coordination from regulatory agencies.

**9. Review and Comment.** If you have any comments on the environmental assessment, they should be provided before the expiration date of this notice. Persons submitting comments are advised that all comments received will be available for public review, to include the possibility of posting on a public website. Questions on the project or comments on the Environmental Assessment can be directed to Carrie Nelson at [carrie.l.nelson@usace.army.mil](mailto:carrie.l.nelson@usace.army.mil) Please address all formal written correspondence on this project to District Engineer, St. Paul District, Corps of

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