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Public Notice

Project: City of Ogilvie Wastewater Treatment Facility
Improvements

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Regional Planning and
Environment Division North

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

2. Project Authority. Section 569 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 Minnesota. 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 Ogilvie is eligible for Corps reimbursement of 75 percent of the costs of the City's eligible design and construction of the environmental infrastructure.

3. Project Location. The proposed actions would be located in the city of Ogilvie, Minnesota.

4. Summary of the Proposed Project. The City of Ogilvie is proposing to improve its wastewater treatment facility by converting its current trickling filter facility to an activated sludge system. Activated sludge is a more robust and flexible process that generally provides a better effluent water quality than using trickling filters. This will also bring the wastewater treatment facility into compliance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency standards for total phosphorus and mercury.

5. Construction Schedule. Construction of the proposed actions is tentatively scheduled to be initiated in Spring 2024 with completion in late Summer 2025

6. Permits/Coordination.

a. General. The proposed action has been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.

b. 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 action would have

minor temporary adverse effects on noise, aesthetics, transportation, air quality, and soils. Minor but permanent adverse effects to vegetation would occur from the removal of 0.25 acres of trees as part of the construction. The project would have substantial long-term beneficial effects on public health and safety, and the local water supply. Affected resources would be expected to recover from any adverse effects shortly after conclusion of the project. The project would not adversely affect any federally listed species or critical habitat and would not cause any adverse effects to historic properties. Overall, the project would have a long-term beneficial effect to the residents of the City of Ogilvie and the surrounding communities from improved water quality as a result of the improved water treatment facility.

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 Amanda Goldstein at (651) 290-5006 or at Amanda.c.goldstein@usace.army.mil. Please address all formal written correspondence on this project to District Engineer, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regional Planning and Environment Division North, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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