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St. Paul District

# Public Notice

**Project:** City of Aneta Water and Sewer Improvement Project

**Date:** November 15, 2023

**Expires:** December 15, 2023

**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 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 Aneta 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 Policy Act (NEPA) and other laws.

**3. Project Location.** The City of Aneta (City) is located in Nelson County, North Dakota. The City is located within the eastern part of the state, approximately 45 miles southwest of Grand Forks and 50 miles southeast of Devils Lake. The City is located along Highway 32, 4.5 miles south of North Dakota Highway 15, immediately north of the Nelson County – Griggs County border.

**4. Summary of the Proposed Project.** The purpose of the proposed action is to update the water and sewer systems in the City of Aneta. The project, to be undertaken by the City of Aneta, would consist of removing and replacing 44 blocks of existing cast iron water mains and services and installing new PVC pipes by open trench method and by horizontal directional drilling (trenchless) method of construction. The project also includes rehabilitation of 48 blocks of vitrified clay sewer mains by relining with cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP), which is a trenchless method of construction. The project will also replace water services, gate valves, non-working curb stops, rehabilitate manholes,

restore pavement, hydrants, complete miscellaneous concrete repairs, and final site stabilization. Steel casing will need to be bored under the BNSF railroad tracks to allow for installation of the new water main looping which will provide a second connection to the northeast portion of the City.

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

**6. Coordination.**

a. State. The Proposed Project was coordinated with the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) Grants Coordinator regarding the Aneta City Park Playground and Aneta Tennis and Ball Courts 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.

b. Federal. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact were 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 Aneta 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 LeeAnn Glomski at [LeeAnn.M.Glomski@usace.army.mil](mailto:LeeAnn.M.Glomski@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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