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Appendix A – Vehicle and Equipment Usage for Design Alternatives

Draft Environmental Assessment Village of Steger Storm Sewer Improvement Project





GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- To: Mary Jo Seehausen Village Administrator Village of Steger mseehausen@villageofsteger.org
- From: Clay Shipley, P.E. Shipley Design Group, PLLC <u>Clay@ShipleyDG.com</u>
- Date: March 24, 2025
- Subject: FY24 USACE Section 219 Flood Control Improvements Louis Sherman Drive at 33rd Street Village of Steger Cook County

Background

The preferred alternative is an improved enclosed storm system that will act in combination with improvements completed last year to significantly reduce surficial flooding depths and duration. Refer to the "Alternatives Review" document. Implementation of the proposed improvement will require pavement removal, curb removal, trench excavations, placement of underground storm sewer pipe and structures, trench backfill, pavement patching, and various restoration activities. Duration of construction is estimated at 30 working days or approximately 55 calendar days.

Dave Toepper

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Construction Equipment Assessment

Pavement/Curb Removal, Trench Excavations, Set Pipe and Structures

- Large excavator (CAT 340) 8 hours per day for 16 working days
- Small wheel loader (CAT 926) 8 hours per day for 16 working days
- Skid steer (CAT 249) 4 hours per day for 16 working days
- Semi dump trucks 2 trucks for 8 hours per day for 16 working days

Trench Backfill and Stabilization

- Mini excavator (CAT 305) 8 hours per day for 8 working days
- Small wheel loader (CAT 926) 8 hours per day for 8 working days
- Semi dump trucks 2 trucks for 8 hours per day for 8 working days

Curb Replacement and Pavement Patching

- Paver (CAT AP455) 8 hours per day for 4 working days
- Roller (CAT CB4.4) 1 roller for 8 hours per day for 4 working days
- Skid steer (CAT 249) 8 hours per day for 4 working days
- Semi dump trucks -2 trucks for 8 hours per day for 4 working days

Restoration

- Skid steer (CAT 249) 8 hours per day for 2 working days
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Background

The non-preferred alternative is a Combination Open Ditch Design. For this alternative to be constructed, the existing 48-inch diameter storm sewer pipe would have to be diverted to the east side of Louis Sherman Drive, a large open ditch would be constructed to carry stormwater a short distance to 33rd Street, and stormwater would return underground to meet the existing storm sewer trunk main along 33rd Street. Various other existing underground utilities would have to be relocated, right-of-way acquisition would be required, and the new ditch would have to be maintained in the future. Implementation of the proposed improvement would require pavement removal, curb removal, trench excavations, placement of underground storm sewer pipe and structures, trench backfill, open cut ditch construction, utility relocation, pavement patching, and various restoration activities. Duration of construction is estimated at 35 working days or approximately 64 calendar days.

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Construction Equipment Assessment

Pavement/Curb Removal, Trench Excavations, Set Pipe and Structures, Open Cut Ditch Construction

- Large excavator (CAT 340) 8 hours per day for 20 working days
- Small wheel loader (CAT 926) 8 hours per day for 20 working days
- Skid steer (CAT 249) 4 hours per day for 20 working days
- Semi dump trucks 2 trucks for 8 hours per day for 20 working days

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Appendix B – Coordination

Draft Environmental Assessment Village of Steger Storm Sewer Improvement Project Scoping



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CHICAGO DISTRICT 231 SOUTH LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1500 CHICAGO IL 60604

July 26, 2024

Planning Branch Planning, Programs and Project Management

Dear Recipient:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE) will be preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document on the impacts associated with a proposed environmental infrastructure project in the Village of Steger, Cook County, Illinois pursuant to Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended.

The Village of Steger is working with USACE to improve storm sewers to address chronic flooding by increasing conveyance capacity as part of a series of flood risk management projects in the village (Enclosure 1). Approximately 60 linear feet (LF) of new dual 15-inch diameter storm sewer pipe and 180 LF of new 60-inch diameter storm sewer pipe would be installed along Louis Sherman Drive, south of East 33rd Street. All work would be conducted within the roadway right-of-way.

As part of the NEPA scoping process, USACE is seeking comments or concerns regarding potential impacts from the proposed project. Enclosure 2 is a list of state and federal agencies, tribal nations, and elected officials receiving this request. If you have any comments or concerns, please provide them in writing by August 27, 2024, to Ms. Samantha Belcik, Biologist, via email at <u>samantha.d.belcik@usace.army.mil</u>.

Sincerely,

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David F. Bucaro, P.E., PMP, WRCP Chief, Planning Branch Chicago District

Enclosures 1 – Project Map 2 – Distribution List



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Fish and Wildlife Coordination



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory

Section 219 Steger, IL



April 28, 2025

Wetlands



Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

Estuarine and Marine Wetland

- _____ Erochw
 - Freshwater Pond

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Lake Other Riverine This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Chicago Ecological Service Field Office 1511 47th Ave Moline, IL 61265-7022 Phone: (309) 757-5800

In Reply Refer To: 04 Project Code: 2025-0089216 Project Name: Section 219 Steger, IL Storm sewer infrastructure project

04/28/2025 18:49:51 UTC

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

Additionally, please note that on March 23, 2022, the Service published a proposal to reclassify the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has ordered the Service to complete a new final listing

determination for the NLEB by November 2022 (Case 1:15-cv-00477, March 1, 2021). The bat, currently listed as threatened, faces extinction due to the range-wide impacts of white-nose syndrome (WNS), a deadly fungal disease affecting cave-dwelling bats across the continent. The proposed reclassification, if finalized, would remove the current 4(d) rule for the NLEB, as these rules may be applied only to threatened species. Depending on the type of effects a project has on NLEB, the change in the species' status may trigger the need to re-initiate consultation for any actions that are not completed and for which the Federal action agency retains discretion once the new listing determination becomes effective (anticipated to occur by December 30, 2022). If your project may result in incidental take of NLEB after the new listing goes into effect this will first need to addressed in an updated consultation that includes an Incidental Take Statement. If your project may require re-initiation of consultation, please contact our office for additional guidance.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/whatwe-do.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and

their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Chicago Ecological Service Field Office

1511 47th Ave Moline, IL 61265-7022 (309) 757-5800

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code:	2025-0089216
Project Name:	Section 219 Steger, IL Storm sewer infrastructure project
Project Type:	Stormwater Discharge
Project Description:	Installation of storm sewer infrastructure through open trench methods in
	existing roadway.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <u>https://www.google.com/maps/@41.47122885,-87.6257032338046,14z</u>



Counties: Cook County, Illinois

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 8 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045</u>	Endangered
BIRDS NAME	STATUS
Rufa Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864</u>	Threatened
 Whooping Crane <i>Grus americana</i> Population: U.S.A. (AL, AR, CO, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NC, NM, OH, SC, TN, UT, VA, WI, WV, western half of WY) No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758 	Experimental Population, Non- Essential
REPTILES NAME	STATUS
Eastern Massasauga (=rattlesnake) <i>Sistrurus catenatus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2202</u>	Threatened
INSECTS NAME	STATUS
Hine's Emerald Dragonfly <i>Somatochlora hineana</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7877</u>	Endangered
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</u>	Proposed Threatened
FLOWERING PLANTS	STATUS
 Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid Platanthera leucophaea No critical habitat has been designated for this species. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions: Follow the guidance provided at https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/ s7process/plants/epfos7guide.html 	Threatened

Follow the guidance provided at https://www.fw s7process/plants/epfos7guide.html
 Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/601</u>

NAME

STATUS

Endangered

Leafy Prairie-clover *Dalea foliosa*

Population: No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5498</u>

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

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In Reply Refer To: 04 Project code: 2025-0089216 Project Name: Section 219 Steger, IL Storm sewer infrastructure project

Federal Nexus: yes Federal Action Agency (if applicable): Army Corps of Engineers

Subject: Record of project representative's no effect determination for 'Section 219 Steger, IL Storm sewer infrastructure project'

Dear Samantha Belcik:

This letter records your determination using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on April 28, 2025, for 'Section 219 Steger, IL Storm sewer infrastructure project' (here forward, Project). This project has been assigned Project Code 2025-0089216 and all future correspondence should clearly reference this number. **Please carefully review this letter.**

Ensuring Accurate Determinations When Using IPaC

The Service developed the IPaC system and associated species' determination keys in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and based on a standing analysis. All information submitted by the Project proponent into IPaC must accurately represent the full scope and details of the Project.

Failure to accurately represent or implement the Project as detailed in IPaC or the **Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Range-wide Determination Key (Dkey)**, invalidates this letter. *Answers to certain questions in the DKey commit the project proponent to implementation of conservation measures that must be followed for the ESA determination to remain valid.*

Determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and/or Tricolored Bat

Based upon your IPaC submission and a standing analysis, your project has reached the following effect determinations:

Species	Listing Status	Determination
Northern Long-eared Bat (Myotis septentrionalis)	Endangered	No effect

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To make a no effect determination, the full scope of the proposed project implementation (action) should not have any effects (either positive or negative), to a federally listed species or designated critical habitat. Effects of the action are all consequences to listed species or critical habitat that are caused by the proposed action, including the consequences of other activities that are caused by the proposed action. A consequence is caused by the proposed action if it would not occur but for the proposed action and it is reasonably certain to occur. Effects of the action may occur later in time and may include consequences occurring outside the immediate area involved in the action. (See § 402.17).

Under Section 7 of the ESA, if a federal action agency makes a no effect determination, no consultation with the Service is required (ESA §7). If a proposed Federal action may affect a listed species or designated critical habitat, formal consultation is required except when the Service concurs, in writing, that a proposed action "is not likely to adversely affect" listed species or designated critical habitat [50 CFR §402.02, 50 CFR§402.13].

Other Species and Critical Habitat that May be Present in the Action Area

The IPaC-assisted determination key for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat does not apply to the following ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat that also may occur in your Action area:

- Eastern Massasauga (=rattlesnake) Sistrurus catenatus Threatened
- Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid Platanthera leucophaea Threatened
- Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Somatochlora hineana Endangered
- Leafy Prairie-clover Dalea foliosa Endangered
- Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus Proposed Threatened
- Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa Threatened
- Whooping Crane Grus americana Experimental Population, Non-Essential

You may coordinate with our Office to determine whether the Action may affect the animal species listed above and, if so, how they may be affected.

Next Steps

If there are no updates on listed species, no further consultation/coordination for this project is required with respect to the species covered by this key. However, the Service recommends that project proponents re-evaluate the Project in IPaC if: 1) the scope, timing, duration, or location of the Project changes (includes any project changes or amendments); 2) new information reveals the Project may impact (positively or negatively) federally listed species or designated critical habitat; or 3) a new species is listed, or critical habitat designated. If any of the above conditions occurs, additional coordination with the Service should take place to ensure compliance with the Act.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact the Chicago Ecological Service Field Office and reference Project Code 2025-0089216 associated with this Project.

Action Description

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

Section 219 Steger, IL Storm sewer infrastructure project

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'Section 219 Steger, IL Storm sewer infrastructure project':

Installation of storm sewer infrastructure through open trench methods in existing roadway.

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <u>https://www.google.com/maps/@41.47122885,-87.6257032338046,14z</u>



DETERMINATION KEY RESULT

Based on the information you provided, you have determined that the Proposed Action will have no effect on the species covered by this determination key. Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is required for those species.

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the proposed project include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, intentional take of listed bats or any other listed species?

Note: Intentional take is defined as take that is the intended result of a project. Intentional take could refer to research, direct species management, surveys, and/or studies that include intentional handling/encountering, harassment, collection, or capturing of any individual of a federally listed threatened, endangered or proposed species?

No

2. Is the action area wholly within Zone 2 of the year-round active area for northern longeared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered No

3. Does the action area intersect Zone 1 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered No

4. Does any component of the action involve leasing, construction or operation of wind turbines? Answer 'yes' if the activities considered are conducted with the intention of gathering survey information to inform the leasing, construction, or operation of wind turbines.

Note: For federal actions, answer 'yes' if the construction or operation of wind power facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for a federal agency action (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

5. Is the proposed action authorized, permitted, licensed, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency in whole or in part?

Yes

6. Is the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

7. Are you an employee of the federal action agency or have you been officially designated in writing by the agency as its designated non-federal representative for the purposes of Endangered Species Act Section 7 informal consultation per 50 CFR § 402.08?

Note: This key may be used for federal actions and for non-federal actions to facilitate section 7 consultation and to help determine whether an incidental take permit may be needed, respectively. This question is for information purposes only.

Yes

8. Is the lead federal action agency the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC)? Is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

- 9. Is the lead federal action agency the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)? *No*
- 10. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.5 miles of a known bat hibernaculum?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

11. Does the action area contain any winter roosts or caves (or associated sinkholes, fissures, or other karst features), mines, rocky outcroppings, or tunnels that could provide habitat for hibernating bats?

No

12. Will the action cause effects to a bridge?

Note: Covered bridges should be considered as bridges in this question. *No*

- 13. Will the action result in effects to a culvert or tunnel at any time of year? *No*
- 14. Are trees present within 1000 feet of the action area?

Note: If there are trees within the action area that are of a sufficient size to be potential roosts for bats answer "Yes". If unsure, additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <u>https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.</u>

Yes

15. Does the action include the intentional exclusion of bats from a building or structure?

Note: Exclusion is conducted to deny bats' entry or reentry into a building. To be effective and to avoid harming bats, it should be done according to established standards. If your action includes bat exclusion and you are unsure whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats are present, answer "Yes." Answer "No" if there are no signs of bat use in the building/structure. If unsure, contact your local Ecological Services Field Office to help assess whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats may be present. Contact a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) for help in how to exclude bats from a structure safely without causing harm to the bats (to find a NWCO certified in bat standards, search the Internet using the search term "National Wildlife Control Operators Association bats"). Also see the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team's guide for bat control in structures.

No

- 16. Does the action involve removal, modification, or maintenance of a human-made structure (barn, house, or other building) known or suspected to contain roosting bats?*No*
- 17. Will the action cause construction of one or more new roads open to the public?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

18. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase average night-time traffic permanently or temporarily on one or more existing roads? **Note:** For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

19. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase the number of travel lanes on an existing thoroughfare?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

20. Will the proposed Action involve the creation of a new water-borne contaminant source (e.g., leachate pond, pits containing chemicals that are not NSF/ANSI 60 compliant)?

Note: For information regarding NSF/ANSI 60 please visit <u>https://www.nsf.org/knowledge-library/nsf-ansi-standard-60-drinking-water-treatment-chemicals-health-effects</u>

21. Will the proposed action involve the creation of a new point source discharge from a facility other than a water treatment plant or storm water system?

No

22. Will the action include drilling or blasting?

No

- 23. Will the action involve military training (e.g., smoke operations, obscurant operations, exploding munitions, artillery fire, range use, helicopter or fixed wing aircraft use)? *No*
- 24. Will the proposed action involve the use of herbicides or other pesticides other than herbicides (e.g., fungicides, insecticides, or rodenticides)?

No

25. Will the action include or cause activities that are reasonably certain to cause chronic or intense nighttime noise (above current levels of ambient noise in the area) in suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat during the active season?

Chronic noise is noise that is continuous or occurs repeatedly again and again for a long time. Sources of chronic or intense noise that could cause adverse effects to bats may include, but are not limited to: road traffic; trains; aircraft; industrial activities; gas compressor stations; loud music; crowds; oil and gas extraction; construction; and mining.

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <u>https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.</u>

No

26. Does the action include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, the use of permanent or temporary artificial lighting within 1000 feet of suitable northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat roosting habitat?

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <u>https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.</u>

No

27. Will the action include tree cutting or other means of knocking down or bringing down trees, tree topping, or tree trimming?

28. Will the proposed action result in the use of prescribed fire?

Note: If the prescribed fire action includes other activities than application of fire (e.g., tree cutting, fire line preparation) please consider impacts from those activities within the previous representative questions in the key. This set of questions only considers impacts from flame and smoke.

No

29. Does the action area intersect the northern long-eared bat species list area? Automatically answered

Yes

30. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.25 miles of a culvert that is known to be occupied by northern long-eared or tricolored bats?

Automatically answered No

31. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 150 feet of a documented northern long-eared bat roost site?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

32. Is suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat present within 1000 feet of project activities?

If unsure, answer "Yes."

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <u>https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.</u>

No

33. Do you have any documents that you want to include with this submission?

PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

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August 23, 2024

Samantha Belcik Chicago District USACE 231 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500 Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Sec 219 Environmental Infrastructure Project - Steger, IL Project Number(s): 2502720 **County: Cook**

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated.

However, the Department recommends the following conservation measures:

Soil erosion and sediment control BMPs should be implemented and properly maintained. Wildlifefriendly plastic-free blanket should be used to prevent the entanglement of native wildlife.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

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Bradley Hayes Division of Ecosystems and Environment 217-785-5500





04/28/2025

Applicant:	Chicago District USACE	IDNR Project Number:	2512421
Contact:	Samantha Belcik	Date:	04/28/202
Address:	231 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500 Chicago, IL 60604		
Project: Address:	Section 219 Steger, IL Stormwater Infrastructure Project 3200-3204 Louis Sherman Dr, Steger	ot	

Description: Increased conveyance capacity as part of a series of flood risk management projects in the Village of Steger. Approximately 60 LF of new dual 15-inch diameter storm sewer pipe and 180 LF of new 60-inch diameter storm sewer pipe would be installed along Louis Sherman Drive, south of East 33rd Street. All work would be conducted within the roadway right-of-way.

Natural Resource Review Results

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location.

Consultation is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary. Termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement.

Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Cook

Township, Range, Section: 35N, 14E, 33

IL Department of Natural Resources Contact Alex Davis 217-785-5500 **Division of Ecosystems & Environment**

Government Jurisdiction U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Disclaimer

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CHICAGO DISTRICT 231 SOUTH LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1500 CHICAGO IL 60604

July 1, 2025

Environmental & Cultural Resources Section Planning Branch

SUBJECT: Village of Steger Storm Sewer Improvement Project, Cook County, Illinois

The Honorable John Barrett, Chairman Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Oklahoma 1601 South Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801

Dear Chairman Barrett,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE) proposes to install storm sewers (undertaking) in the Village of Steger, Cook County, Illinois (Figure 1). The purpose of the project is to install storm sewer pipe along Louis Sherman Drive to improve drainage in the area. To assist in our review, we are requesting your assistance in gathering information you might have to identify properties which may be of religious or cultural significance that may be affected by the project, as specified by the implementing regulations for Section 106 as provided by the National Historic Preservation Act (36 C.F.R.§ 800.4(a)(4). Additionally, USACE would appreciate any comments, concerns, or modifications you might have about any potential environmental or social impacts from this proposed project. We request that you provide your comments by August 1, 2025.

The proposed project involves Installation of approximately 60 linear feet of new dual 15-inch diameter storm sewer pipe and 180 linear feet of new 60-inch diameter storm sewer pipe along Louis Sherman Drive south of East 33rd Street (Figure 2). The maximum width of the excavation area would be approximately 70 feet, and the maximum depth would be approximately 10 feet. All work would be conducted in the previously disturbed soil of the existing road right-of-way.

The undertaking is located in Section 33, Township 35 North, Range 14 east in Cook County, Illinois (Figure 3). The APE for the undertaking encompasses the project area, including staging and access routes, and totals approximately 0.68 acres. USACE believes that the APE is sufficient to identify and consider potential effects of the proposed project.

USACE has conducted a records search and literature review of the project APE on the Illinois Inventory of Archaeological Sites and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The literature review and records search revealed that there are no previously known archaeological sites or historic properties listed in the NRHP within or adjacent to the project APE. If you have information, comments, or concerns regarding properties which may be of religious or cultural significance that you believe may be affected by this project, please contact Alexis Jordan, Project Archaeologist at alexis.m.jordan@usace.army.mil or (312) 846-5445. A copy of this letter with enclosures will be furnished to Blake Norton, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

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Alex Hoxsie Chief, Environmental & Cultural Resources Chicago District

Enclosures



Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map

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Figure 2: Project Location

Steger Flood Control Improvement Project APE



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CHICAGO DISTRICT 231 SOUTH LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1500 CHICAGO IL 60604

June 25, 2025

Environmental & Cultural Resources Section Planning Branch

SUBJECT: Village of Steger Storm Sewer Improvement Project, Cook County, Illinois

Ms. Natalie Phelps Finnie State Historic Preservation Officer Old State Capitol Building One Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Ms. Phelps Finnie:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE) proposes to install storm sewers (undertaking) in the Village of Steger, Cook County, Illinois (Figure 1). The purpose of the project is to install storm sewer pipe along Louis Sherman Drive to improve drainage in the area. As part of our review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, USACE has determined that the proposed federal action is an undertaking that has the potential to affect historic properties. This letter provides a brief project description, documents the area of potential effect (APE), summarizes efforts to identify historic properties, and provides agency findings as provided at 36 C.F.R. § 800.4. We request your agreement with our finding that there will be no historic properties affected by the proposed undertaking.

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USACE is making a good faith effort to gather information from affected Tribes identified pursuant to 36 C.F.R.§ 800.3(f). We have notified the Citizen Potawatomi of Oklahoma, the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin, the Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan, the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians of Michigan, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to assist in identifying properties which may be of religious and cultural significance.

USACE has made a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties that may be affected by this undertaking. As the project APE is entirely within the existing footprint of Louis Sherman Drive, this precludes the presence of any intact archaeological deposits. For this reason and based on the results of the archival research, USACE has determined that there would be no historic properties affected by the proposed undertaking.

USACE requests your review and agreement with our finding of No Historic Properties Affected within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact the project archaeologist, Ms. Alexis Jordan, at alexis.m.jordan@usace.army.mil or (312) 846-5445.

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