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July 10, 2025

Planning Branch  
Planning, Programs and Project Management

Dear Recipient:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE) has released for public comment a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the effects associated with a proposed environmental infrastructure project located in the Village of Steger, Cook County, Illinois pursuant to Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended. The project will improve a portion of the village's storm sewer infrastructure to increase capacity along Louis Sherman Drive (Enclosure 1).

The Draft EA considers three alternatives to improve storm sewer infrastructure in the area. The recommended plan includes the installation of 55 linear feet (LF) of new dual 15-inch diameter storm sewer pipe and 165 LF of new 60-inch diameter storm sewer pipe and three 8-foot diameter and two 9-foot diameter drainage structures along Louis Sherman Drive, south of East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. Construction would utilize an open-cut trench and includes roadway reconstruction in the public right-of-way.

As part of the 30-day public review process, USACE would appreciate any comments associated with potential effects to environmental and cultural resources related to the proposed action. The Draft EA is available at:

<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/News/Project-Documents-Notices-Public-Review/Category/24681/chicago/>

Comments may be submitted via email or mail. Enclosure 2 is a list of state and federal agencies, tribal nations, and elected officials receiving this request. Emailed comments should be sent to [samantha.d.belcik@usace.army.mil](mailto:samantha.d.belcik@usace.army.mil). Mailed comments should be sent to the attention of Ms. Samantha Belcik, Biologist, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. All comments should be postmarked or emailed by August 11, 2025.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure  
1 – Project Map  
2 – Distribution List

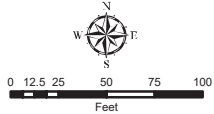




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Legend

~ 15" Dual Storm Sewer    ~ 60" Storm Sewer



0 12.5 25 50 75 100  
Feet

**Village of Steger**  
Flood Control Improvements

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July 2024



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