

EARLY NOTICE & PUBLIC REVIEW
OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN & WETLAND
IN GIRARD TOWNSHIP, ERIE, COUNTY, PA
(February 7, 2023)

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals.

This is to give notice that the County of Erie, on behalf of Girard Township, has determined that the proposed multi-year CDBG funded Miller Road Culvert Replacement Project is located in the 100 year floodplain of Brandy Run and also near wetlands as shown on the National Wetlands Inventory map. As such, the County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the activity in a floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts from the proposed action on the floodplain and wetland, as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

Project Name: Girard Township Miller Road Culvert Replacement Project

Project Number: (S-20/21/22-E-33-6-5)

Project Location: The culvert is located on Miller Road in Girard Township, Erie County, PA. Miller Road is located between Tannery Road and Daggett Road.

Purpose of Project: The existing culvert on Miller Road, through which Brandy Run passes, is in very poor structural condition with failed/collapsed end sections and buckling structural steel plates. Further deterioration or failure of the culvert would require a road closure.

Project Description: Multi-year CDBG funds and local monies will provide for removal and disposal of the existing Miller Road culvert which has a 24' span, 12' rise, and a total length of approximately 85' (including beveled end sections). The replacement culvert will be a 60' long corrugated structural steel plate arch with a 24' span and 12' rise. The replacement culvert will also include corrugated structural aluminum plate headwalls and wing walls at both ends. The project will include all appurtenant and incidental work as necessary to provide a complete and finished culvert replacement.

Funding Source/Amount: \$293,826 (Multi-year CDBG funds) + \$113,524 (Local monies) = \$407,350 (+/-)

There are three primary purposes for this notice.

(1) First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas.

(2) Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal/State efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas.

(3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments/concerns should be directed to:

Erie County Department of Planning
150 East Front Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16507
Attention: Joseph T. Berdis
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The comment period is from Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to Thursday, February 23, 2023. Issues raised during the review will be integrated into the decision making process. A notice describing the findings will be published in this paper after March 1, 2023. At that time, a 15-day period will be provided to the public for comment on the decision.

Brenton Davis
County Executive