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Dear Recipient:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (Corps) is releasing for public comment the Gary Sanitary District Chase Street and 27th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Gary, Indiana draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed project area is within publicly owned property east of Chase Street between the Chase Street Pump Station and 25th Avenue located in Lake County, Gary, Indiana.

The purpose of this project is to replace approximately 1,900 linear feet of aging and deteriorating 42-inch diameter sanitary sewer force main. Installed in the 1970's, the existing force main is undersized and the manufacturing standards at the time were less rigorous than today's standards. The new force main would connect to existing pump station at 27th Avenue and the sewer main to the north at the intersection of 25th Avenue and Chase Street.

The Draft EA considers several alternative plans to address the deteriorating sewer infrastructure system, including the No Action Alternative. The recommended alternative plan for implementation is to install a 48-inch diameter fiberglass reinforced plastic pipe, along the western side of the existing force main. The new pipe will be installed using an open trench and the jack and bore/auger boring method. This alternative plan includes the abandoning in place of the existing force main sanitary sewer.

The Draft EA is available online at the following webpage: <https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works-Projects/Calumet-Region-EI/>. The Corps is accepting comments on the Draft EA through May 19, 2021. Comments and questions should be sent to Mr. John Belcik, by email at john.t.belcik@usace.army.mil or by phone at (312) 846-5595.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

- (1) Project Map
- (2) Distribution List