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Dear Recipient:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (Corps) is releasing for public comment the 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 73<sup>rd</sup> Court Infrastructure Improvements Elmwood Park, Illinois draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed project area is within publicly owned property along 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Wellington Avenue and Belmont Avenue and along 73<sup>rd</sup> Court between North Avenue and Bloomingdale Avenue in Cook County, Elmwood Park, Illinois.

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing undersized and deteriorating watermain along both sections of street with new 8-inch diameter ductile iron water main. Approximately 1,025 feet and 1,425 feet of new water main will be installed along 77<sup>th</sup> avenue and 73<sup>rd</sup> court respectively. Additionally, new fire hydrants, valves, and new sections of sewer will be installed in each location of the project.

The Draft EA considers four alternative plans to address the deteriorating water infrastructure system, including the No Action Alternative. The recommended alternative plan for implementation, assuming no modification(s) based upon public review of the draft EA, is to install new 8-inch diameter water mains adjacent to the east curb line via open cut installation. This alternative plan includes the abandoning in place of the existing watermain that is found on the west curb line of both locations.

The Draft EA is available online at the following webpage: <https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works-Projects/Cook-County-EI/>. The Corps is accepting comments on the Draft EA through April 27, 2021. Comments should be sent to Mr. John Belcik, by email at [john.t.belcik@usace.army.mil](mailto:john.t.belcik@usace.army.mil). Questions should be directed to Mr. Belcik at (312) 846-5595 or through the above email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susanne J. Davis".

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Enclosures

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