

Outreach Plan to Impacted Properties

Summary

On December 27, 2018, the DNR granted a Dam Safety and Public Waters Work permit for a revised Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project, known as Plan B. The DNR's decision to issue the permit was made following completion of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) process. Achieving these significant milestones is an opportune time for the Diversion Authority (Authority) to share the latest available information with impacted landowners through a series of outreach efforts detailed in this plan.

Properties to Contact

The property rights needed to implement the Diversion Project are varied in nature and are widespread geographically and, therefore, have been divided into the following three categories:

1. All properties under the footprint of the Diversion Channel and Associated Infrastructure
 2. All properties under the footprint of the Southern Embankment and Associated Infrastructure
 3. All properties in the Upstream Mitigation Area
- Properties not included:
 - Properties already acquired
 - Property rights needed outside of the footprint or upstream area (i.e. mobility improvements, bio-geo monitoring sites, and mitigation projects not located within the above categories)

Letters to Property Owner

Letters will be printed on DA letterhead and will be signed by the DA Chair along with the Chair of the acquiring entity, Cass County Joint Water Resource District (CCJWRD) or Moorhead / Clay County Joint Powers Authority (MCCJPA). There will be three variations of the letter that corresponding with the categories the properties have been divided into. Below are what will be included with each letter/category

1. Diversion Channel

- Your property is impacted by the FM Area Diversion Project construction
- An overall map of the Project and impacted parcels will be provided
- The CCJWRD will be following up with specific information about the acquisition program, along with identification of a right of way agent assigned to each property
 - Agent's contact information
 - What is a right of way agent?
 - Expectations and timelines of the acquisition process

- Link to the online interactive map of land acquisition status

2. Southern Embankment

- Your property is potentially impacted by the FM Area Diversion Project construction and/or operation
- An overall map of the Project and impacted parcels will be provided
- The final design of the embankment will be developed in the coming years by USACE and more specific detail will be provided as it is available
- Information on the process and timeline regarding the USACE design process
- Acknowledgement that once final design is complete, a right away agent will be assigned to the property
- Link to the online interactive map of land acquisition status

3. Upstream Area

- Your property is potentially impacted by the FM Area Diversion Project construction and/or operation
- Details of the process and timeline of the FEMA Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) process to define the exact impacts to the property, including reference to the steps after an approved CLOMR, including
 - Creation of an individual map of each property with 100-year impacts utilizing the CLOMR dataset
 - An acknowledgement of impact to structures if identified in the CLOMR, and specifically to say if there are no structures identified as impacted according to the CLOMR
 - Identification of a land agent assigned to their property, along with contact information
- Include overall Upstream Mitigation Area map
- Contact info on the letter will be to the acquiring entity
 - If follow up contact is made, the information will be taken. Depending upon the details and location of the property, it may be assigned directly to a land agent, or may lead toward needing to wait for the CLOMR
- Link to the online interactive map of land acquisition status