

## FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals,

This is to give notice that the City of Clare (the City) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that a proposed activity in the regulated floodway will have on the human environment.

The City is seeking funding through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for necessary upgrades to the municipal water system. Portions of the existing system have been identified as having areas of deficiency and upgrades are necessary to improve the capacity and reliability of the system for area residents and businesses. Proposed system upgrades include installation of a 12-inch HDPE watermain via directional drilling within existing easements/Right-of-ways along Maple Street, Dunlop Street, and Markley Street. The new watermain would connect the proposed new water well (#10) in Emerald Isle Recreation Park (303 Pinecrest Street) to the City of Clare water treatment plant (307 Maple Street). According to FEMA flood map 26035C0434C (dated 12/3/2010), the proposed watermain will pass through the regulated floodway of the Little Tobacco Drain near the intersection of Maple Street and W. 2nd Street.

The City has evaluated alternatives to impacting the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative route. The City will undertake the following mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts to the floodway and preserve natural and beneficial values: the proposed watermain will be installed at a location that minimizes the area of impact to the greatest extent possible, the outside diameter of the pipe shall not exceed 36 inches, the watermain will be installed via directional drilling at a depth of at least six feet below grade to avoid the vertical extent of the regulated floodway, and there will be no change in the preconstruction grade. The City will obtain a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Part 31 Floodplain Regulatory Authority permit and a Part 399 Water Supply Systems permit prior to the start of watermain installation activities.

Environmental files that document compliance with Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. Written comments must be received by the City of Clare on or before **January 20, 2023**. Comments or concerns can be directed to Jeremy Howard, City Manager at [jhoward@cityofclare.org](mailto:jhoward@cityofclare.org) or via telephone at 989-386-7541 (M-F 8am – 4pm). Or correspondence sent to The City of Clare, Attention: Jeremy Howard, City Manager, 202 W. Fifth Street, Clare, MI 48617, RE: Proposed Water Main.

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**Diane Lyon**  
Clare City Clerk

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