

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for a Drainage  
Improvement Project to Mitigate for Flooding in Walter's and Garfield  
Subdivisions, Williams Township, Bay County, Michigan**

**FEMA-DR-1346-MI, HMGP Project A1346.89**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to assist in the funding of drainage channel improvements in Williams Township. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives to be evaluated include (1) No Action; (2) The Proposed Action, which would construct a 26-acre detention basin, improve the capacity of Dell Creek Drain, and upgrade or replace culverts under various roads in Garfield and Walter's Subdivisions, and (3) Alternative 3, which would construct a 55-acre detention basin and improve the capacity of Dell Creek Drain.

The draft Environmental Assessment is available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:

Williams Charter Township Hall  
1080 W. Midland Road  
Auburn, MI 48611  
Phone 989.662.4408

Auburn Area Library Branch  
235 W. Midland Road  
Auburn, MI 48611  
Phone 989.662.2381

The draft Environmental Assessment is also available for review online at the FEMA website <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region5.shtm>.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on July 25, 2007, by Amanda Ratliff, Regional Environmental Officer, 536 South Clark, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521, or at [Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov](mailto:Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov). If no comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA will be considered final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be published by FEMA.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Amanda Ratliff, Regional Environmental Officer, 536 South Clark, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521.