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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Garfield and Walter's Subdivision Drainage Improvement Project
Bay County, Michigan
FEMA-DR-1346-MI, NEMIS ID #A1346.89

The Bay County Drain Commissioner in Bay County, Michigan, has applied for HMGP Section 404 funding under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Grant funds are provided by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under this program for disaster-related mitigation projects. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to prevent flood damages to residential property in the Garfield and Walter's subdivisions as well as the associated public infrastructure. The need for this project is to reduce the risk to human health and safety associated with flooding, and to minimize the economic loss and hardship to the community from the costs associated with repeated flood damages. The Proposed Action would involve construction of a 26-acre detention basin immediately downstream of US-10, between Eleven Mile Road and Garfield Road and the relocation and construction of approximately 5,539 lineal feet of stream channel. The project would also include culvert replacements at several Dell Creek Drain road crossings and improving the capacity of Dell Creek Drain in some areas by clearing brush and excavating the channel to provide a cross-section consistent with Drain Commissioner Standards. In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts for the Garfield and Walter's Subdivision Drainage Improvement project and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Based upon the conditions and information contained in the EA for the Garfield and Walter's Subdivision Drainage Improvement Project (March 2007) and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), FEMA concluded the following: A Finding of No Significant Impact. The proposed project, as described in the EA, will not result in any significant adverse impacts to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, wetlands, waters of the United States, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, state-and federally listed threatened or endangered species and critical habitats), safety issues, hazardous materials and waste, and cultural resources, or result in disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low-income populations. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

APPROVAL

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