

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Franklin Branch Stream Bank Stabilization
Bloomfield Township,
Oakland County, Michigan
FEMA-DR-1346-MI, NEMIS ID #A1346.13


Bloomfield Township in Oakland County, Michigan, has applied for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance with the construction of stream bank stabilization measures along the Franklin Branch of the Rouge River to protect homes and utilities along severely eroded areas of Franklin Branch and to protect downstream areas from the effects of sedimentation. Franklin Branch is located in the southern portion of Oakland County, in Bloomfield Township north of 14 Mile Road. The Proposed Action would provide streambank stabilization along Franklin Branch utilizing channel and upper slope stabilization, bank armoring, and floodplain terracing techniques. FEMA is proposing to provide assistance for this project through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-DR-1346-MI.

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 stream bank stabilization for Franklin Branch 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 Franklin Stream Bank Stabilization (May 2003) 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 the following is concluded:

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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