

## Federal Emergency Management Agency

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and  
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Moore Drain Flood Mitigation, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner Tuscola County,  
Michigan.

FEMA-DR-1346-MI, HMGP Application A1346.18

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency  
(FEMA) is proposing to assist in the funding of flood mitigation measures for Moore Drain  
and the Cass River in Tuscola County. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act  
(NEPA)

of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990,  
and

the implementing regulations of FEMA, an environmental assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the  
potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. The EA was released  
for

public comment on November 6, 2003. No comments from the public were received during the 30-day  
comment

period, therefore, the EA has been finalized and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been  
made. This also provides public notice for work within the regulated floodplain and wetlands, in  
accordance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 and 44 CFR Part 9.12. No practicable alternatives  
were

identified to meet the community's needs that do not involve work in the 100-year floodplain or  
wetlands.

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are  
as follows:

1. No significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified to existing land use, water  
resources (surface water, groundwater, waters of the United States, wetlands, and floodplains), air  
quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, State-and Federally-listed threatened  
or endangered species and critical habitats), safety, hazardous materials and waste, or cultural resources;  
no disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low-income populations would occur, and;

2. The project is necessary to meet the needs of the citizens of the existing local  
community.

No further environmental review of this project is proposed to be conducted prior to the  
release of FEMA funds. Copies of the final EA and FONSI can be obtained by contacting: Jeanne  
Millin, FEMA

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final EA and FONSI are also available on the World Wide Web on the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>.