



# Public Notice

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Reply To: U.S. Army Corps of  
Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-F

1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, MO  
63103-2833

Public Notice No. **P-  
2685** Public Notice Date

**November 20, 2008**

Expiration Date

**Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:**

**December 11, 2008**

File Number: MVS-2007-607

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

**COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Alan Edmondson) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

**APPLICANTS:** Village of Bluffs, Illinois, 119 S. Bluffs Street, Bluffs, Illinois 62621.

**LOCATION:** The project is proposed to occur in Wolf Run Creek which runs through the village of Bluffs, Illinois. Specifically, the project occurs in Sections 9 & 15-16, Township 15 North, Range 13 West, in the town of Bluffs, Scott County, Illinois.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project involves the clearing of trees, woody brush and debris in and along the Wolf Run Creek channel between Illinois Route 100 and Naples Lane for a distance of approximately 8000 lineal feet. The left bank, looking downstream, from Rockwood Avenue to Naples Lane, would not be cleared due to bank stability concerns in this reach. Select ecologically significant trees, and large trees substantially contributing to the stability of the channel bank, will remain along the channel. Completion of this project will remove eight structures from the 100-year floodplain and will produce an average annual public flood damage reduction benefit of \$11,487. The project entails the clearing of trees,

woody brush, and debris within a 5 foot wide corridor along the top of bank, and will be removed to a depth of not less than 12 inches below the existing ground elevation. Certain sections will be cleared at least 12 feet beyond the top of the left bank to provide maintenance access along the channel in this reach. Once cleared, the brush and debris will be removed from the project limits and placed outside of floodplain limits in non-wetland areas. The vegetation removed will be disposed of either by burning (with proper IEPA permit acquisition) or by disposing at an off-site location as proposed by the contractor and approved by the Resident Engineer. The project does not include any earth work or geometric changes to the channel shape beyond repairing the bank to its pre-clearing configuration. In addition to the contractor's equipment, there will be Temporary Ditch Checks installed in the form of hay bales or aggregate along the creek bottom for the entire reach of the project spaced at approximately every 425'. A floating turbidity curtain can also be used, where warranted, to prevent any erosion due to construction operations in the creek.

All disturbed areas in the project limits will be seeded, mulched, and fertilized. Additional temporary sediment and erosion control measures will be included as part of the project construction plans.

**DRAWINGS:** See Attached

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information may be obtained by telephoning Mr. Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8811 or at electronic mail address: Alan.R.Edmondson@usace.army.mil

**AUTHORITY:** This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C.

The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's

web site, at [www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/](http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/). In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "FactSheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above.

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You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below. Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water Watershed Management Section 1021  
N. Grand Avenue East

P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at

(217) 782-3362.

The applicant has also applied for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) permit pursuant to the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act, 615 ILCS 5 (Illinois Compiled Statutes). Comments concerning the IDNR/OWR permit should be addressed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271. Mr. Wes Rust, IDNR/OWR (217/782-3863), may be contacted for additional information.

**SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION:** The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), and Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources.

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The benefit, which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above.

Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.



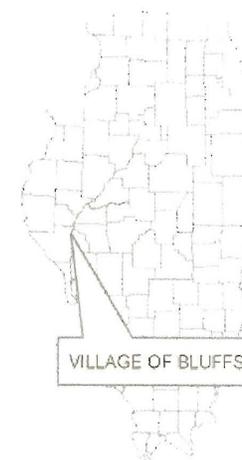
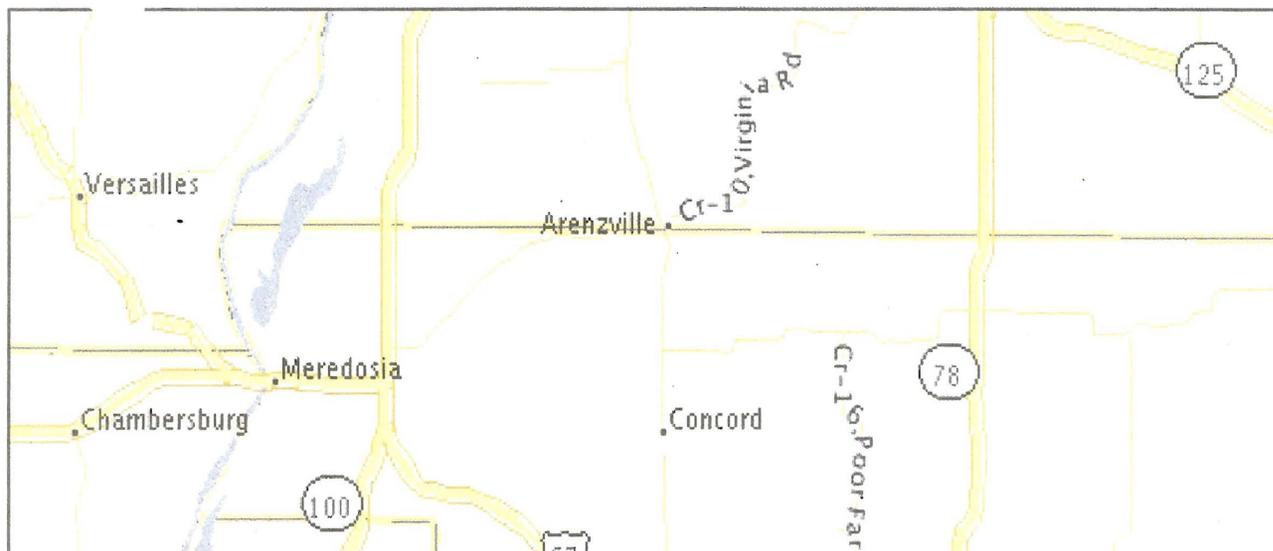
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Chief, Regulatory Branch

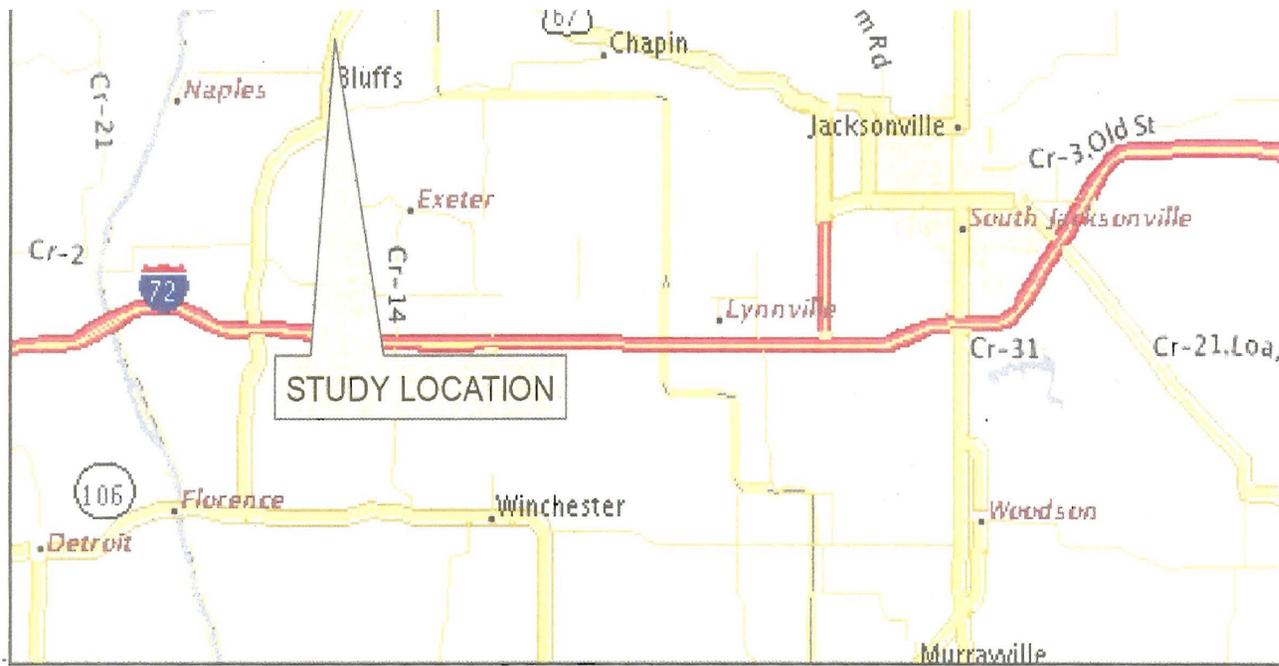
Attachments:

**NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:**

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

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WRB - VILLAGE OF BLUFFS: LOCATION MAP



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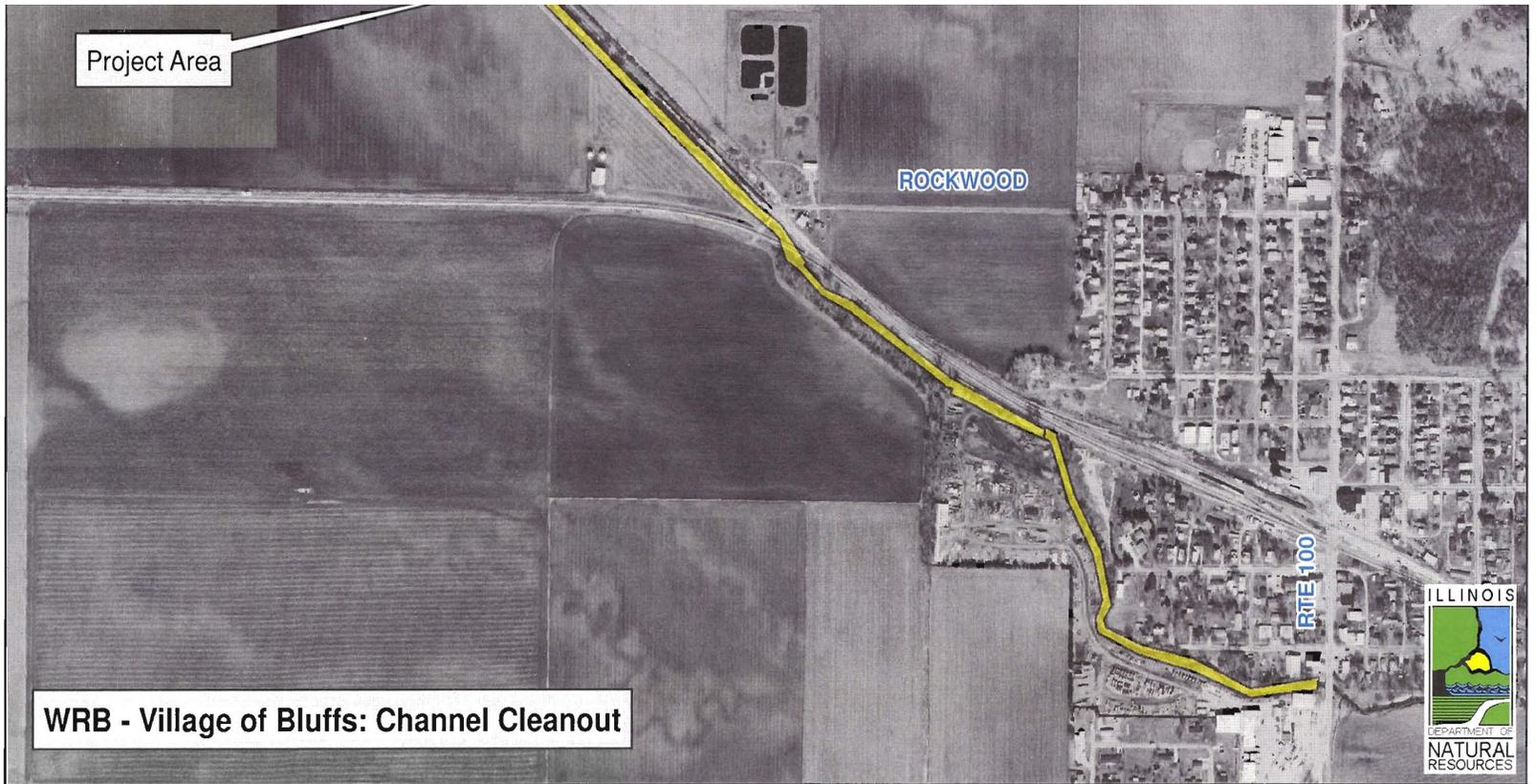


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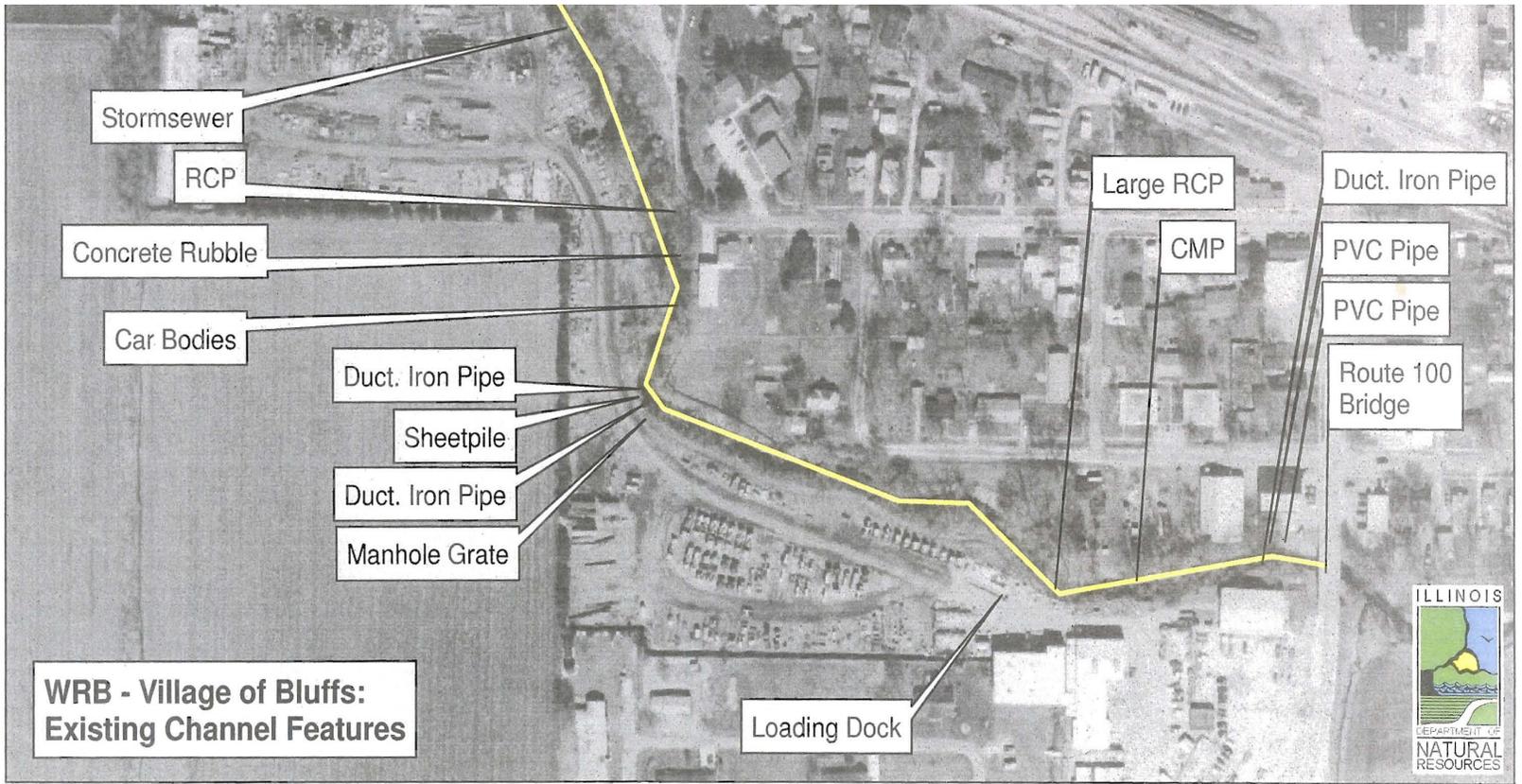
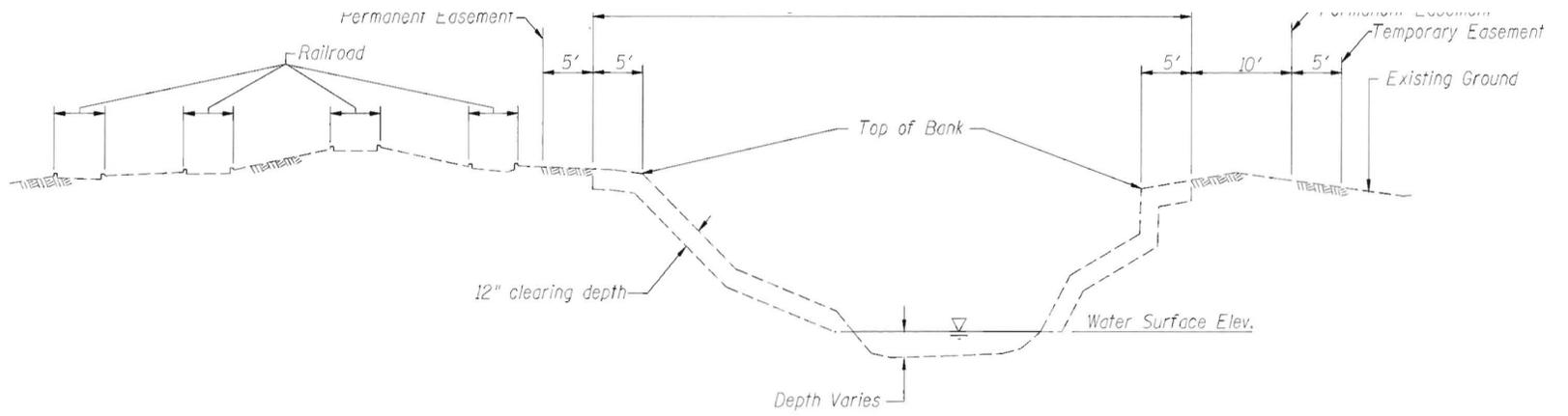


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