Location: The project area is located in the city of Kimmswick, Missouri, approximately 20 miles south of St. Louis along the Mississippi River in Jefferson County.

Description: The City of Kimmswick is generally bounded by Rock Creek to the south and the Mississippi River to the east. Flooding on Rock Creek comes from both headwater events and backwater flooding from the Mississippi River. A majority of the community is mapped in a flood hazard area and experiences frequent flood recurrence.

Status: The new start project would evaluate structural and non-structural flood risk reduction measures in the flood prone areas of the community.

Issues: Since the Great Flood of 1993, the city continues to experience recurring floods and expends limited local resources on flood fighting efforts to protect the community from flooding. Recently the City has experienced flooding and is located within the declared area for federal disaster assistance in 2015 (DR-4238-MO), 2016 (DR-4250-MO), and 2017 (DR-4317-MO).

Importance: A majority of the City is designated The Kimmswick Historic District placed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 24, 2007 (NR ID 07000752). The district consists of several blocks of historic buildings, forty-four of which are contributing elements to the historic district designation and are predominately small vernacular houses and commercial buildings.

Risk: The City of Kimmswick is located within Jefferson County. Jefferson County is identified in the Missouri State Hazard Mitigation Plan as being heavily affected by flooding and has more major disaster declarations for flooding than any other county (1975-2017) in the State. In the absence of a flood risk reduction project the community is left vulnerable to increased extreme precipitation events and a trend towards increased hydrology and streamflow, and will flood more often and will experience more extreme events.

Consequence: Without the project, potential for recurring floods threaten the City’s historic value, economy, health, safety, social services, capacity and natural resources.

Activities for FY 19: Not Applicable.

Acquisition Strategy: No contracts scheduled to be awarded in FY 19.

Activities after FY19: $50,000 could be used to initiate and complete Federal Interest Determination Report. This work can be pulled ahead when funded.

Project Sponsor/Customer: The City of Kimmswick, Missouri

Congressional Interest: Senate: Blunt & Hawley. House: Luetkemeyer (MO-3)

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