



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Section 219(f)(55) of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1992, as amended by Section 108(d)(55) of Consolidated Appropriations Act 2001 and Section 352(b)(3) of WRDA 2020

Information Paper

Madison and St. Clair Counties, IL

Construction (Environmental Infrastructure)

Location: Project authority covers communities in Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, including Belleville, Wood River, and Cahokia Heights.

Description: Focus of segments of work to be completed would be to reduce or eliminate combined sewer overflow into the Mississippi River, eliminate sanitary sewer back-ups into homes, and establish connection to existing wastewater treatment facilities.

Status: Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 included authorized increase in Federal funding limit from \$10M to \$45M. Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) included \$25K in funding for completion of Cahokia Heights Letter Report. Administration policy precludes budgeting for this initiative as Environmental Infrastructure is not a budget priority. This project was funded previously via congressional adds.

Importance: Operating, managing, and keeping sewers functional as well as reducing overflows is necessary for continued economic development and requirement to protect the health and safety of the public.

Risk: The communities of the region rely heavily on combined sewer systems, some of which exceed 100 years of performance, and inadequate sewer systems. Neighborhoods within Cahokia Heights and surrounding areas are experiencing sanitary sewer back-ups into numerous homes in community, multiple times a year.

Consequence: Problems created by compromised infrastructure impact the health, water quality, and economic development potential of the area. Sanitary sewer back-ups into homes within Cahokia Heights community impact livability and health as well as cause utility and structural damages.



Example of neighborhood served by new storm sewer line.

Activities for FY 22: Carryover funds available and project resumed due to authorized increase in Federal funding limit. Carryover funds will be used to complete Wood River Letter Report, execute Project Partnership Agreement with City of Belleville, and award Phase 1 of Belleville East Creek Sewer Separation Project. IIJA funding will be used to complete Cahokia Heights Letter Report.

Acquisition Strategy: TBD

Activities after FY22: Funding could be used to construct additional phases of the Belleville East Creek Sewer Separation Project and construct phases of the Wood River State Street Sewer Separation Project. Funding could also be used to design and construct phases of Cahokia Heights Project.

Project Partner: City of Wood River within Madison County, Illinois, City of Belleville within St. Clair County, Illinois, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for Cahokia Heights, Illinois.

Congressional Interest: Senate: Durbin and Duckworth.
House: Bost (IL-12).

Phase	FY22 Allocation
Remediation	\$25,000