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Discussion

On January 8, 2020, the Coast Guard published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS (85 FR 930). On June 7, 2021, we published a notice of availability for a draft EIS seeking public comments, and announcement of a virtual meeting (86 FR 30323) for the BNSF Railway Bridge across the Missouri River between the cities of Bismarck and Mandan, ND. Lastly, on June 14, 2021, we published a notice of extension to the public comment period (86 FR 31509), which extended the comment period to July 26, 2021.

The notice of availability solicited substantive and relevant comments related to the draft EIS. On June 30, 2021, the Coast Guard held a virtual public meeting to receive written and oral comments on the draft EIS. Public comments yielded very few substantive changes. We are now providing notice of the availability of the final EIS.

We developed a final EIS that addresses impacts associated with the alternatives mentioned in section 2.0 of the draft EIS. These impacts include those environmental control laws listed in appendix B of the Coast Guard's Bridge Permit Application Guide (available at [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5pw/Office%20of%20Bridge%20Programs/BPAG%20COMDTPUB%20P16591%203D_Sequential%20Clearance%20Final\(July2016\).pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5pw/Office%20of%20Bridge%20Programs/BPAG%20COMDTPUB%20P16591%203D_Sequential%20Clearance%20Final(July2016).pdf)), as well as those impacts associated with floodplain rise, impacts to the Bismarck Water Reservoir and the Missouri River Natural Area. The final EIS also includes responses to all substantive and relevant comments received during the public comment period and virtual public meeting.

The Coast Guard, as lead agency, held 21 consultation meetings with stakeholders to satisfy the requirements of section 106 of the NHPA (54 U.S.C. 306108). On January 15, 2021, the Coast Guard and consulting parties signed a Programmatic Agreement to address the adverse effect on the existing historic bridge, and to provide third parties the opportunity to develop additional alternatives that would allow for retention of the bridge. The additional alternative presented during this process was not technically or economically feasible, so the Coast Guard and consulting parties developed a Memorandum of Agreement, which dictates mitigation measures for removal of the existing bridge. A consulting

party, the Friends of the Rail Bridge, initiated termination of the Programmatic Agreement on February 22, 2022, and after additional consultation meetings, it was terminated on June 19, 2022. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed on September 27, 2022, and is available in appendix B of the final EIS.

This notice is issued under authority of NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations in 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508, and 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2022-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2283]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before January 26, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for

each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-2283, to Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution

process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found

online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by

the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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Community	Community map repository address
Morgan County, Indiana and Incorporated Areas Project: 12-05-8945S Preliminary Date: May 13, 2022	
City of Martinsville	Martinsville City Hall, 59 South Jefferson Street, Martinsville, IN 46151.
Unincorporated Areas of Morgan County	Morgan County Administration Building, 180 South Main Street, Martinsville, IN 46151.
Waseca County, Minnesota and Incorporated Areas Project: 18-05-0017S Preliminary Date: September 30, 2021	
City of Elysian	City Hall, 110 West Main Street, Elysian, MN 56028.
City of Janesville	City Hall, 101 North Mott Street, Janesville, MN 56048.
City of Waseca	City Hall, 508 South State Street, Waseca, MN 56093.
Unincorporated Areas of Waseca County	Waseca County Courthouse, 307 North State Street, Waseca, MN 56093.
Bradford County, Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions) Project: 16-03-0615S Preliminary Date: June 17, 2022	
Borough of Athens	Municipal Building, 2 South River Street, Athens, PA 18810.
Borough of Sayre	Borough Office, 110 West Packer Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840.
Borough of Wyalusing	Borough Hall, 50 Senate Street, Wyalusing, PA 18853.
Township of Asylum	Asylum Township Building, 19981 Route 187, Towanda, PA 18848.
Township of Athens	Athens Township Municipal Building, 45 Herrick Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840.
Township of Burlington	Burlington Township Building, 2030 Weed Hill Road, Towanda, PA 18848.
Township of Litchfield	Litchfield Township Municipal Building, 1391 Hill Road, Sayre, PA 18840.
Township of North Towanda	North Towanda Township Office, 292 Old Mills Road, Towanda, PA 18848.
Township of Sheshequin	Sheshequin Township Office, 1774 North Middle Road, Ulster, PA 18850.
Township of Standing Stone	Standing Stone Township Building, 35165 Route 6, Wysox, PA 18854.
Township of Terry	Terry Township Building, 1876 Rienze Road, Wyalusing, PA 18853.
Township of Towanda	Township Office, 44 Chapel Street, Towanda, PA 18848.
Township of Ulster	Municipal Building, 23849 Route 220, Ulster, PA 18850.
Township of Wilmot	Wilmot Township Municipal Building, 4861 Route 187, Sugar Run, PA 18846.
Township of Wyalusing	Township Building, 41908 Route 6, Wyalusing, PA 18853.
Township of Wysox	Township Building, 103 Lake Road, Wysox, PA 18854.

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