

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF MOUNT ZION PROJECT SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM DETAILED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all residents and property owners of the Village of Mount Zion that the Village is in the process of securing funding to upgrade their Water System including construction of a new 1.0 million gallon (MG) elevated water storage tank and modifications to the metering station between Decatur and Mount Zion to make it a booster/metering station with auxiliary power.

The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$4,333,300 and the City has made a loan application with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Public Water Supply Loan Program. Currently, the interest rate on a 20-year loan is 1.64%. The Village does not anticipate any increase in the current monthly water fee for its water customers to cover the cost of repayments for the project.

As part of the loan application process, IEPA has reviewed the financial impacts to users of the proposed project and have stated that the project is within the Illinois EPA affordability guideline of 2% of the median household income or less. IEPA also determined that no significant financial impact to the Mount Zion water customers should occur, and that the propose project is technically appropriate and cost effective. Additionally, the Agency has completed an environmental review process and has made the determination that the project is Categorical Excluded, in that the proposed project will have little to no potential for having negative environmental impacts.

Prior to granting its approval of the proposed project and plan, the IEPA requires that the public be granted an opportunity to comment on the information presented. The Village of Mount Zion is hereby making notice that the IEPA has issued a Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion for the proposed water system improvements. A 10-day public comment period will commence on February 2, 2017 and will end on February 12, 2017. Information on the proposed project and IEPA Project Summary and Notice will be available for public inspection at the Village Hall located at 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway in Mount Zion. Written Comments may be submitted directly to the Village of Mount Zion or directly to the IEPA contact person, which is Lanina Clark, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section Bureau of Water, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, IL 62794-9276.