

PROJECT SPECIFIC PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Oelwein Fire Department has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing Adequate Fire/Emergency Response (SAFER) funding through the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (IHSEMD).

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: City of Oelwein Fire Department

Project Title: EMW-2021-FF-01566; Oelwein Fire Department LED Sign

Location of Proposed Work:

Street Address	Latitude, Longitude
200 West Charles Street Oelwein, Iowa 50662	42.67827500, -91.91710833

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

Work will take place near Dry Rim Creek within an AE Zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the City of Oelwein Unincorporated Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 19065C0416E, effective on 05/18/2021. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the SFHA.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Oelwein Fire Department is proposing to install a double-sided LED sign in front of the fire department building which will be used for marketing and recruitment for volunteer firefighters to assist the community. The sign will be mounted 3 to 4 feet above ground at 42.67827500, -91.91710833 on mounted poles that will be placed in holes that are 8 inches in diameter and 36 inches deep. Electric hookups will be trenched from the building to the sign with an area that will be 12 inches wide x 60 feet long x 18 inches deep. The City of Oelwein Fire Department will be required to coordinate with the Local Floodplain Administrator to ensure compliance with local floodplain regulations. As such, there should be improved

numbers of volunteer emergency responders to assist during disaster events, and no adverse impacts to the floodplain or wetlands should occur.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would result in lower numbers of volunteer fire department staff and insufficient response time during emergency events. The sign will help alert the community of volunteer response staffing needs at the Oelwein Fire Department.

Alternative #2 (Move the sign location): The Oelwein Fire Department Building is almost entirely within the floodplain. Placing the sign in front of the building along West Charles Street allows for best visibility.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the following email: teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [EMW-2021-FF-01566 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

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Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS



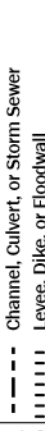
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile *Zone X*
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard *Zone X*
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee, See Notes, *Zone X*
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee *Zone D*

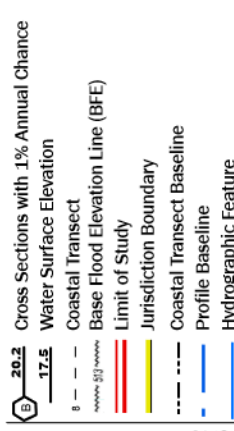
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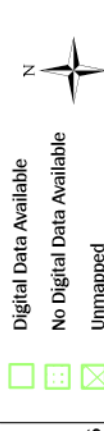
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OTHER FEATURES



MAP PANELS

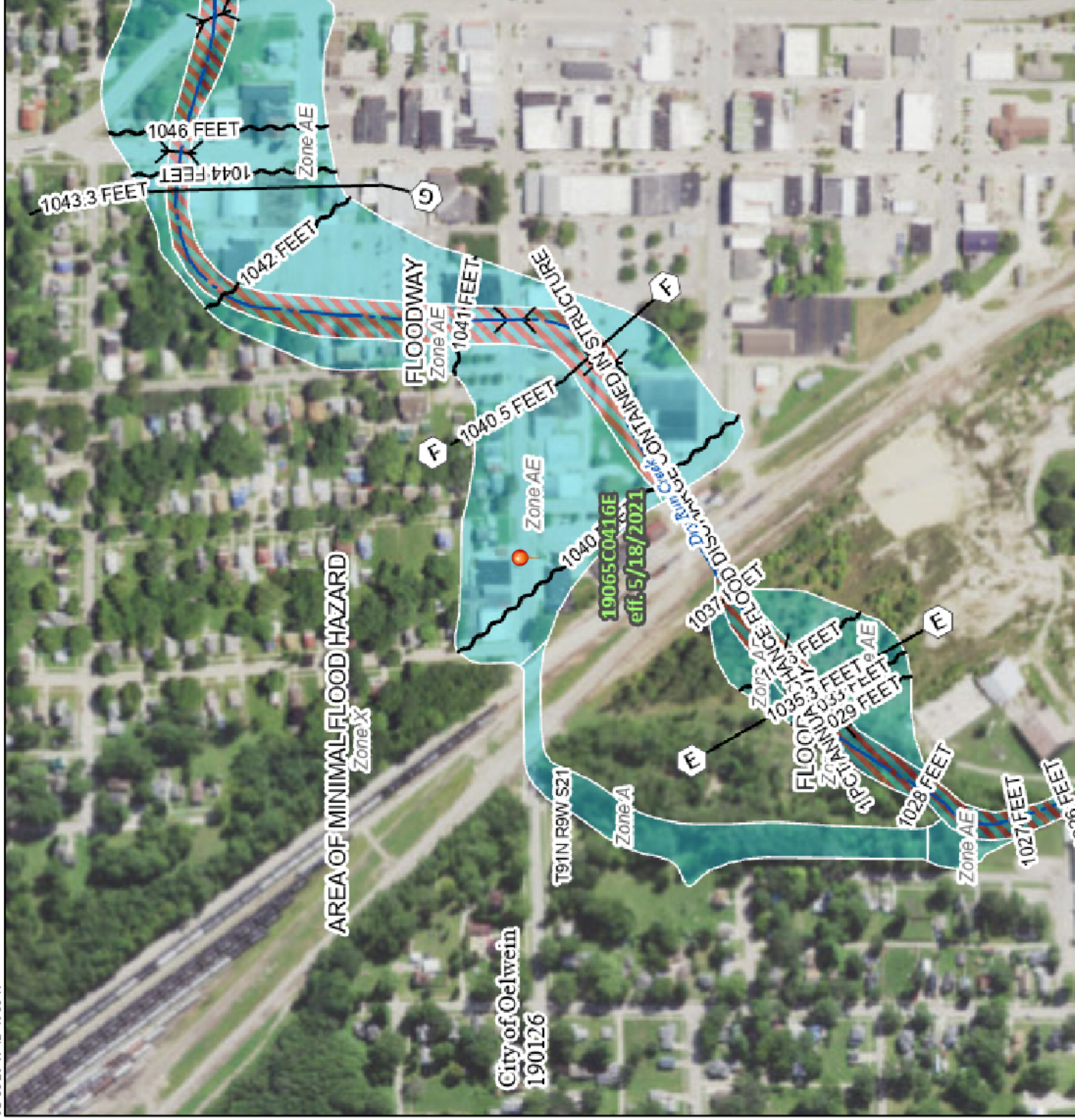


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Basemap: USGS National Map: Orthoimagery: Data refreshed October, 2020