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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WOODSTOCK STORM SEWER PROJECT RECEIVES CDBG FUNDING

Woodstock, IL May 9, 2016—The City of Woodstock is beginning a major construction project to rectify a storm water drainage issue on the city's north side thanks to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding received. The project will provide a new storm sewer line extending from the area of Walnut/Ash/Tappan Streets, north along Tappan, and connecting to the Silver Creek runoff.

As approved through McHenry County's Community Development & Housing Commission, the project received Phase I funding in the amount of \$250,157 in FY15/16, and Phase II funding of \$235,000 for FY16/17. The entire project, which is estimated to cost close to \$1 million, was bid out in a Phase I & Phase II package to maximize construction cost savings. A Phase III CDBG grant application will be submitted to support project completion next year.

CDBG programs are funded by federal Housing & Urban Development (HUD) dollars and are administered locally by McHenry County's Planning & Development Department. Infrastructure projects such as those designed to mitigate areas subject to flood damage are the County's highest priority currently.

The Walnut/Ash/Tappan storm sewer project is set to start this week, with construction beginning at Silver Creek, and continuing south along Tappan Street until fall 2016. The final phase of the project, which will connect the new line through to the area of homes subject to flooding, will take place next spring and summer. As parking and traffic flow may be affected, residents are encouraged to use caution during this construction, and call Public Works at 815/338-6118 with questions or concerns.

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