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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Two Dams across the I & M Canal within the Village of North Utica, LaSalle County, Illinois

Notice is hereby given all interested parties that an application has been received from the Village of North Utica, 248 West Canal Street, Utica, Illinois 61373 and the Illinois Department of Natural Resource for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources permit authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of two dams across the Illinois and Michigan Canal, a public body of water, in the Village of North Utica. The structures, located in the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8 and the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian in LaSalle County, have been provisionally classified as small-size Class III dams.

The dams will be constructed of "supersack" sandbags each measuring 35" x 35" x 35" and keyed into the existing banks of the canal. The dams will be 1470 feet apart; the area bounded by the dams will discharge to the East through a rip-rap and treated lumber rectangular weir. The dams will be constructed on bedrock in the canal bottom and will be nine feet in height with a top of dam elevation of 470.0. The overall goal of this project is to enhance the water pool of the I & M Canal for a period of up to six years to learn about the maintenance level associated with this project.

All interested parties are invited to submit written statements regarding public water impacts and/or dam classification to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, at the address above. Public Water inquiries shall be limited to impacts to the public's rights, interests or uses of the I & M Canal or in the natural resources thereof. Per the State of Illinois "Rules for Construction and Maintenance of Dams", you are provided opportunity to request a hearing regarding dam classification. All requests for a classification hearing must be in writing and include sufficient information to establish the degree of threat to life and property damage in the event of a dam failure.

No work is to be commenced or completed on this project unless and until an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources permit is issued. All written inquiries may be directed to Mark McCauley and must be submitted by December 15, 2023.