

Project Code
1601239

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

Project Title: Albany Park Stormwater Diversion Tunnel
Site Name: Albany Park Proposed Start Date: September 1, 2015
Contact Person: Rick Gosch PH#: 782-4732 County: Cook
Township: 40N Range: 13E Section: 11

Project Description:

The project consists of construction of a 5,800 foot long; 18-foot diameter tunnel constructed approximately 125 feet below the ground surface. The tunnel will transport flows of up to 2,300 cubic feet/second from the North Branch Chicago River to the North Shore Channel. These are discharges that exceed the bank capacity of the North Branch Chicago River and cause flooding in the Albany Park area of Chicago. The estimated cost of the project is \$55,000,000; the estimated benefits of the project, determined by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), are \$25,900,000. These benefits are a result of the elimination of flood damages to approximately 336 structures.

Our authority to participate in this project is granted to us by the Flood Control Act of 1945, 615 ILCS 15. Under this authority we could justify expending \$25,900,000 on this project; however, we do not have funds of that magnitude appropriated to us that could be used for this project. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), through an Intergovernmental Agreement between IEPA and IDNR executed in September 2014, has transferred \$11,000,000 of funds appropriated to them for water resource management projects to IDNR for use on the Albany Park Project. The City of Chicago

Funding Source: IDNR Capital Heavy Equipment _____ Force Account _____
Other Agency _____ Federal Program _____

Approval by Site Superintendent: (for all NON-CAPITAL projects, e.g., heavy equipment, force account, leases)

Site Superintendent Date

**CERP Staff Only:
REVIEWS PERFORMED**

	Approved	Approved with Restrictions	Comments
Threatened & Endangered Species Natural Areas/Nature Preserves	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wetlands	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cultural Resources	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Other	<u>N/A</u>	_____	_____

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☞ This CERP review must be reopened if the proposed action is modified after OREP sign-off ☞