

Final Public Notice for Potential Impacts to Floodplains

The City of Waupun intends to seek financial assistance from USDA, Rural Utility Service (RUS) for construction of improvements to their existing wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The proposed action consists of **building a 160 x 160 x 20 feet greenhouse a 100 x 50 feet support facility and a 28 feet diameter mixing tank to provide Advanced Biological Nutrient Recovery (ABNR) at the existing facility.** The specific location of the existing Waupun Utilities WWTF is 501 North Fond Du Lac Street, which is in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T14N, R15E, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin

RUS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the location of **the new ABNR system** will convert or affect a floodplain or critical action floodplain. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the Agency is notifying the interested public of this land conversion. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this conversion or effect and that there is a significant need for the proposal.

The basis of this determination is **because the new ABNR system is required by the City of Waupun to meet future regulatory agency discharge permit limits for nutrients, for functionality the ABNR system must be located adjacent to the existing WWTF and the critical flood plain surrounds the existing WWTF.**

For information regarding this notice, contact Joseph M. Dorava, State Environmental Coordinator, USDA, RUS, Rural Development, 5417 Clem's Way, Stevens Point, WI 54482. Any person interested in commenting on this decision should submit comments to the address above.