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Town of Cicero Receives Federal Funding for Stormwater Project

Cicero, IN – Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that 21 rural Indiana communities will receive more than \$12.9 million in federal grant funding to create and expand community facilities and improve water infrastructure. It was announced September 13, 2022, that the Town of Cicero was awarded \$455,440.00 for improvements to the town's stormwater system in the Brinton Street area. The project will consist of cleaning and lining 1,380 feet of stormwater mains, rehabilitation to six manholes and four new cut connections to help prevent flooding.

The Town of Cicero Stormwater Board and Town Council would like to thank residents for their support of the project and participation in the Income Survey process that was required to determine the Town's program eligibility. "This funding will allow us to make vital improvements to our stormwater system in the Town. We would not have been able to complete this project without OCRA's grant funding, the support of our residents, and the work from our staff," stated Cicero Town Council President, Chad Amos.

This project will alleviate the flooding that has increased in the Brinton Street area over the past 10 years by addressing the aging pipes and drainage system. "With 42 acres draining through this area, these improvements are necessary for the future of our storm sewer system. We appreciate OCRA's funding for this project and the tremendous support by our residents. This was a great team project from every level to get this project to where it is," said Stormwater President, Bruce Freeman.

The total project will cost \$600,440.00 with a \$145,000.00 match from the Town. The project is estimated to begin in Spring of 2023 with an estimated completion date of Spring 2024.

Questions pertaining to this project can be sent to the Street and Utilities Department by calling: 317-984-4833 or emailing <u>tcooper@townofcicero.in.gov</u>. Information about the Town of Cicero can be found visiting <u>www.ciceroin.gov</u>.