

City of Rochelle  
CDAP Public Hearing  
November 26, 2012 7:00 p.m.

INFORMATION SHEET: Community Development Assistance Program  
“Project Golden Prairie” Infrastructure Improvement project

1. Each year the State of Illinois receives an appropriation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Those funds are distributed through a grant program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP). The amount of CDAP funds that will be available in fiscal year 2013 in Illinois is estimated to be approximately \$25,000,000 which will be divided among the following grant programs:

- Economic Development
- Public Infrastructure Construction
- Public Infrastructure – Rural Water
- Emergency Set-Aside for Public Infrastructure
- Planning/Design Engineering for Public Infrastructure
- Housing Rehabilitation and Mobility/Accessibility (MARS)

In addition, the State will use a small percentage of its annual appropriation of CDBG funding to administer the CDAP program.

2. The range of activities that may be undertaken with CDAP funds:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - CDAP funds may be used to assist for-profit and not-for-profit businesses to carry out economic development projects. The funds may be used for land acquisition; acquisition, construction, reconstruction, installation or rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures and other real property, equipment, and improvements; and working capital expenses.

**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE** - CDAP funds may be used by units of general local government for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities and improvements.

**HOUSING REHABILITATION** - CDAP funds may be used to finance the rehabilitation of residential buildings occupied by low-to-moderate income persons.

**PLANNING/DESIGN ENGINEERING** - CDAP funds may be used for a variety of planning activities which focus on the needs of low and moderate income persons and for engineering design costs related to a specific infrastructure construction project.

EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE - The activities funded under this program are identical to those in the Public Facilities program but are of a more urgent nature and have occurred outside the normal funding cycle.

3. At least 51% of the CDAP funds available for this project will benefit low to moderate income persons.

4. Plans for minimizing displacement as a result of the CDAP grant assisted activities - No persons will be displaced as a result of this project. However, as required by the federal regulations governing the Community Development program, the City of Rochelle has adopted an Anti-Displacement plan.

5. How the public can access the City of Rochelle's Community Development records:

Those records will be available at the City Clerk's office in Rochelle's City Hall located at 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Rochelle.

## 6. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

The City of Rochelle's community development needs are centered around providing additional infrastructure improvements, as follows:

- a. Upgrade the domestic water supply serving Rochelle including construction of well #12, an additional water storage tank next to well #12, and connector mains to provide redundant water supply and increased fire flow to Rochelle's southeast industrial area. Construct additional water mains to create loops throughout the existing water distribution system to provide redundancy and increased fire flow.
- b. Upgrade Rochelle's existing electrical system to provide redundant electrical feed to Rochelle's southeast industrial area
- c. Expand Rochelle's municipal fiber network to serve its southeast industrial area
- d. Improve truck access to the west-side industrial area including construction of the Jack Dame Road Overpass, completion of the Southwest Rochelle Truck Loop as a route for heavyweight (120,000 lb.) loads, and upgrading of the existing portions of the Truck Loop to 120,000 lb. standards.
- e. Expand existing and construct additional regional flood mitigation and detention facilities, including the Hemstock detention project and a regional detention area in eastern Rochelle
- f. Expand existing community efforts to increase tourism such as expanding the existing Rochelle Railroad Park

Items a-c, improvements to the public infrastructure serving Rochelle's developing southeast

industrial area, are considered to have the highest priority:

## 7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

An existing industry located in southeastern Rochelle, “Project Golden Prairie”, is expanding its existing facility. The expansion, which will create 100 additional full-time jobs, will manufacture parts used in the company’s assembly process which are currently being made overseas. However, to provide the improved and redundant water supplies and increased fire flow needed by Project Golden Prairie and other industries located in the area, a new well (well #12), well house and connector main must be built. Rochelle will request \$750,000 in CDAP Economic Development funds from DCEO’s CDAP Economic Development program for this project and will provide approximately \$1.6 million in local funds. It is expected that the additional funding will be provided by a low-interest loan from the Illinois EPA. The local industry, “Project Golden Prairie”, will invest more than \$27 million to expand its existing facility and purchase additional equipment.