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Property Elevation Survey Project To Begin December 2014

Rockford IL. - Beginning in early December 2014 the City of Rockford and the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) will be performing elevation surveys of properties located within or near the mapped Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 1% annual chance floodplain of the Rock River and its tributaries. The 1% annual chance floodplain means there is a 1% chance each year that a particular area will flood when it rains approximately 7" in a 24 hr time period in Rockford. There are approximately 2400 structures within this floodplain in the Rockford area.

The survey work will begin in the Spring Creek Watershed and will progress through the mapped area as weather permits. Property owners along and near the creeks will be notified by letters on the door and through electronic media approximately two weeks prior to surveying a particular creek and watershed in their area. This will include properties located within the Village of Cherry Valley, Cherry Valley Township and Rockford Township.

This work is being completed as part of a grant the City and ISWS received for flood mitigation efforts. The surveys are being conducted in order to identify and prioritize appropriate floodplain mitigation actions. The City of Rockford will be partnering with the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) to obtain and analyze detailed, structure-by-structure, flood risk data. The analysis will include first floor elevation and low entry elevation of buildings larger than 400 square feet that are situated

within or near the mapped FEMA 1% annual chance floodplain of the Rock River and its tributaries.

The data gathered during this study will assist the City and the State in preparing a benefit cost analysis with the ultimate goal of creating a comprehensive plan and prioritizing mitigation projects in the city and the region.

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Questions concerning this project, please contact Marcy Leach at 815-967-6740.

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