

Amanda Ratliff
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October 30, 2010

Dear Ms Ratliff:

We are responding to the Public Notice published in the Times Press concerning the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project directed to repairs of the Vermilion River located in the City of Streator, IL. This letter is from all residents of Water St. whose property and homes are being directly affected by the river damages. Several residents have lost a great deal of land and homes are in danger from the uncontrolled erosion caused by the landslide and change in the flow and direction of the water. Please refer to www.savewaterstreet.com for pictures and more information.

We have been working with Mayor Lansford, City Manager Paul Nicholson, City Engineer Jeremy Palm, Streator City Council as well as FEMA and IEMA to find practical solutions to the erosion problems. Through the Hazard Mitigation Program, a plan has been devised to prevent any further damages and/or loss of homes and property. Our understanding is that funding is available upon completion of your study and approval through the Governor's office. To our knowledge, all studies have been completed, grants applied for, and the paper work is in place.

We definitely want to see this project completed as soon as possible. We are hoping work can begin this fall/winter to start the stabilization of the river bank before winter's freezing/thawing and the heavy rains of spring causes further damages to our homes. We appreciate any thing you can do to expedite the Vermilion River Hazard Mitigation Project in Streator. IL.

Sincerely,

Rudy Gerent
Water Street Residents

Signatures and addresses follow: