

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, Permit Section
(IEPA)

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The IEPA has issued a Public Notice of a request for a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification that would allow the issuance of a federal permit for the discharge of pollutants to waters of the State.

Public Notice Beginning Date:

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Public Notice Ending Date:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Agency Log No.: C-0187-24

Federal Permit Information: Federal permit/license no. 09-02-23 is under the jurisdiction of Ninth Coast Guard District U.S. Coast Guard

Name and Address of Discharger: Village of Lemont, Barry Jason - 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Discharge Location: In Statewide/Regional in Cook County. Additional project location information includes the following: Along Stephens St beginning at the I&M Canal in downtown Lemont and extending north., Lemont, IL 60439

Name of Receiving Water: Des Plaines River

Project Name/Description: Stephens Street Bike Trail - proposed construction of a new bike trail along the existing Stephen Street right-of-way beginning at the I&M Canal in downtown Lemont and extending north to the existing Centennial Trail along the south bank of the Des Plaines River within the Village of Lemont, Cook County, IL. Included is a new bridge over the Sanitary and Ship Canal

Construction Schedule: Beginning Oct 2024 and ending Nov 2024

The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the project to the IEPA at the above address. Commenters must provide their name and address along with comments on the certification request. The IEPA Log number must appear on each comment page. Commenters may include a request for public hearing. Only hearing requests and comments that pertain to Clean Water Act Section 401 authority will be considered. This authority provides consideration of whether the permit or license would be consistent with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, or 307 of the CWA, as well as "any other appropriate requirement of State [or tribal] law". Requests for additional comment period must provide a demonstration of need. The final day of comment acceptance will be on the Public Notice Ending date shown above, unless the IEPA grants an extended notice period. The attached Fact Sheet provides a detailed description of the project and the findings of the IEPA's antidegradation assessment.

If written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in the certification application, the IEPA may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 30 days before any public hearing. If a Section 401 water quality certification is issued, response to relevant comments will be provided at the time of the certification. For further information, please see the contact information below.

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401 Water Quality Certification Fact Sheet for Stephens Bike Trail

IEPA Log No. C-0187-24

Contact: Angie Sutton 217-782-9864

The Village of Lemont is proposing to construct a new bike trail along the Stephen Street corridor from the Illinois and Michigan Canal in downtown Lemont north to Centennial Trail. From the I&M Canal north to just north of the BNSF Railroad viaduct, the proposed trail will be an on-street bike route with no improvements to the roadway. North from the BNSF Railroad, the proposed trail will be an off-street trail primarily within the old Stephen Street road right-of-way. It will continue north to the Centennial Trail. Included is a new bridge over the Sanitary and Ship Canal. The proposed bridge will be a single span truss bridge that will span the entire channel. The bridge abutments will be placed approximately 10 feet behind the edge of the waterway. Cranes will be utilized to install the truss bridge. A wetland report was prepared by GZA that indicated no wetlands will be impacted by the proposed improvement.

Since the proposed bridge over the Sanitary and Ship Canal will span the entire waterway, there will be no dredging of material from the Canal. The south bridge abutment and the center pier will both be located on ground set back from the edge of the waterway. No drainage structures are part of the project. Therefore, there will be no direct discharge of stormwater to the Canal. All runoff from the proposed trail will be sheet flow as it currently exists. Temporary erosion control barrier will be installed around the entire construction site. Once the permanent ground cover is established upon completion of the project, the temporary erosion control barrier will be removed.

Due to the lack of impacts proposed, an antidegradation assessment is not required for this project.