



DED seeks public feedback on plan for spending \$41 million in disaster mitigation funds

Public encouraged to submit comments through April 4

JEFFERSON CITY – The Department of Economic Development (DED) is seeking public comment on a draft Action Plan outlining how the state will spend \$41 million in Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding allocated to Missouri by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds represent an opportunity for the state to assist areas impacted by the 2017 floods with the implementation of projects that will help communities mitigate and reduce future disaster risks.

The draft Action Plan is available for review on DED's CDBG-Mitigation website at: <https://ded.mo.gov/mitigation>.

Printed copies of the Action Plan can be requested by calling 844-847-0499.



How can you help?

PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S PROPOSED PROJECT CAN BE SUBMITTED TO:

Email to mocdbg-mit@ded.mo.gov

Mail to:

Attn: MO CDBG-MIT

P.O. Box 118

Harry S. Truman Building,
Jefferson City, MO 65102

In-person at a public hearing: Four public hearings will be held during the week of March 16th.

If you have questions for the City of Branson:

Call (417) 337-8529 or email jrouch@bransonmo.gov

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INCLUDED LETTER AND RETURN WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL, OR MAIL/EMAIL TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION FUNDS REQUEST

The City of Branson seeks a Community Development Block Grant for mitigation efforts for hardening the Compton Waste Water Treatment Plant, located along Lake Taneycomo, in anticipation of future anticipated flooding.

Thank you for your support!

The City is in need of a flood protection system for the Compton Drive Waste Water Plant. Numerous extreme flood events over the last decade have determined the facility is at extreme risk of flood damage up to complete inundation. Replacement of the Compton facility would be in excess of \$80 million if it was completely destroyed by flood waters.

A grant for protection of the Waste Water Treatment Plant also protects the local economy, regional natural resources and public infrastructure.

Excessive environmental damage would also occur while the facility is off-line due to inability to treat sewage. Damage to the plant would harm local ecosystems and negatively impact regional communities.

March 1, 2020

First Name

Last Name

Stakeholder of the City of Branson and Taney County

Title

Address

City

State

Zip

Attn: MO CDBG-MIT

P.O Box 118

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned stakeholder of the City of Branson. The City is in need of a flood protection system for the Compton Drive Waste Water Plant located along Lake Taneycomo. Extreme flooding events that have occurred over the last decade have made the community aware that the facility is at extreme risk of flood damage, including up to complete inundation of the facility. We recognize that this would cause a serious strain on community resources to replace the entire facility, with estimates in excess of \$80 million if it was destroyed by flood waters.

Additionally, the surrounding community, including many communities in Taney County and Northern Arkansas, would experience severe environmental damage if the facility was to become offline due to flooding. Our concerns include reduced availability of clean drinking water and damage to local ecosystems including the Roark Watershed, Lake Taneycomo and Bull Shoals Lake. I fully support available mitigation funds to be used to provide for the protection of the wastewater treatment plant, public infrastructure, the local economy and regional natural resources.

Sincerely,
