

## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Rural Development**

Village of Baldwin: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Rural Development (RD), USDA

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that RD, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the Village of Baldwin, St. Croix County, WI. The proposal is for construction of a new wastewater treatment facility. The Village of Baldwin has submitted an application to RD for funding of the proposal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact: Joseph M. Dorava, State Environmental Coordinator, 5417 Clem's Way, Stevens Point WI 54482, 715-345-7649, joseph.dorava@usda.gov. The EA is also available for public review at Short Elliott Hendrickson, 329 Jay St. Ste 301, La Crosse, WI 54601 641.521.9327

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Village of Baldwin proposes to construct a new wastewater treatment facility.

Short Elliott Hendrickson, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RD that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects.

RD has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RD at the address provided. RD will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RD related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

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