

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Mount Vernon will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:45 p.m., in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of Mount Vernon City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois 62864, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views regarding a proposed federally funded Community Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure project.

Persons with disabilities or non-English-speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and require assistance should contact Becky Barbour, City Clerk, at 1100 Main St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 or 618-242-6815, no later than August 14, 2026. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

On or about August 27, 2026, the City of Mount Vernon intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant Program. This program is funded under Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The City proposes to use CDBG funds to replace approximately 6,300 linear feet of aging and deteriorated water main at the following locations:

- College Street from South 30th Street to South 27th Street;
- Logan Street from South 25th Street to South 20th Street; and
- South 21st Street from College Street to Herbert Street.

The proposed improvements will include installation of replacement water mains, valves, hydrants, service reconnections, fittings and related appurtenances, testing and disinfection, pavement and surface restoration, traffic control, and other necessary construction activities. The project will address aging and undersized water infrastructure that is susceptible to breaks, low-flow conditions, service interruptions, and other threats to reliable potable water service.

The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$1,042,736.89, consisting of \$1,002,736.89 for eligible construction activities and \$40,000.00 for Activity Delivery.

The project will benefit a defined service area containing 3,840 persons, of whom 2,535, or 66.02%, are low-to-moderate income. The estimated amount of CDBG funds proposed for activities benefiting low-to-moderate income persons is \$688,414.89.

The City does not propose to expend non-CDBG funds as part of the proposed CDBG project budget. The City will be responsible for any costs determined to be ineligible for CDBG reimbursement or exceeding the approved grant amount.

Information regarding the proposed project and application will be available for public review beginning August 10th, 2026 at Mount Vernon City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois 62864, during regular business hours of Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding the proposed project either at the public hearing or through a written statement.

Written comments should be submitted to Becky Barbour, City Clerk, City of Mount Vernon, 1100 Main Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois 62864, before or during the public hearing to ensure inclusion in the official record. The public-comment period will remain open through the conclusion of the public hearing on Monday, August 17, 2026.

The City of Mount Vernon has prepared a plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to persons displaced as a result of CDBG-assisted activities. The plan will also be available for public review. The proposed project is expected to result in no displacement of any persons or businesses.

For additional information concerning the proposed project, contact Tim Stuart, Grant Manager, Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission at 618-997-9351, or write to the City of Mount Vernon at 1100 Main Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois 62864.