

The Village of Elizabeth has been and continues to work on several major infrastructure projects. The update below is being provided by Community Funding & Planning Services (CFPS), the consulting firm that works with the Village of Elizabeth to secure grant and loan funds for infrastructure projects. If there are any questions, feel free to contact the Village Hall at 815-858-3911 or CFPS at 815-947-8224.

- **Downtown Sidewalk / Streetscape Project** - Elizabeth has been actively working to secure funding for a major downtown streetscape project. In 2015, the Village received a \$77,300 grant from USDA Rural Development for Phase 1 improvements, which included sidewalk improvements at the corners of Myrtle and Route 20, the kiosk, “Elizabeth” arch, table and chairs. Last December, the Village submitted an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) application for the sidewalk streetscape project and was awarded grant funds for the completion of design engineering services for the streetscape project. The Village will be selecting an engineering firm for the design work, and then in 2020, will submit another ITEP application for the construction of the sidewalk streetscape project.
- **Sycamore Street Sanitary Sewer Project** – In 2015, the Village submitted an emergency application to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for grant funds to replace the failing sewer line located under Sycamore Street across Route 20. The project totaled \$129,473 and the Village received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$105,431 towards the Sycamore Street Sewer Project.
- **Locust Street Sanitary Sewer Project** – In April 2018, the Village submitted an application to the USDA Rural Development Wastewater Loan Program for sanitary sewer improvements along Locust Street. A portion of the sanitary sewer main under Locust Street is located within a tunnel that is starting to crumble which is causing sink holes in the above roadway. The improvements are estimated to cost roughly \$900,000. In September 2018, the Village received a letter of commitment from Rural Development awarding Elizabeth a \$610,000 grant and a \$290,000 loan for the sewer improvements. Construction of the project is estimated to begin in May 2019.
- **Water Main & Well House Improvements Project** – The Village of Elizabeth is currently working on a water systems improvement project that includes replacing the water main under Catlin and Locust Streets, along with complete roadway replacement, and the project also includes improvements to the well house building located near Myrtle Street. The Village is applying to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a Public Water Supply Loan and is hopeful to receive principal loan forgiveness funding for this project. The Water Main & Well House Project is estimated to cost \$1,570,300 and the Village is eligible to receive up to \$1,177,725 in a forgivable loan, reducing the actual loan amount to \$392,575, which will help make the project more affordable and have less of an impact on user rates. The project is anticipated to start next summer; more information will be provided at a later date.