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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Franklin County will hold a public hearing on March 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Franklin County Courthouse, Public Square, Benton, IL 62812 to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the completed federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Robert Clodi in writing at 11231 Marcum Branch Rd., Benton, IL 62812 or call (618) 439-4321 not later than March 12, 2015. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

On February 7, 2012, Franklin County, Illinois applied on behalf of Rend Lake Conservancy District to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: to construct a water main bypass around the Big Muddy Swamp near Buckner, Illinois. The total amount of CDBG funds received was \$750,000. The amount of CDBG funds received that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons was \$387,000. Rend Lake Conservancy District expended \$473,924.60 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds were derived from the Rend Lake Intercity Water Fund.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of March 5, 2015 at the office Rend Lake Conservancy District located at 11231 Marcum Branch Rd., Benton, IL 62812 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be mailed to Keith Thomason, General Manager at P.O. Box 907, Benton, IL 62812 or hand delivered to 11231 Marcum Branch Rd., Benton, IL 62812 no later than 5:30 p.m. on March 17, 2015 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by Rend Lake Conservancy District and is also available to the public. This project will not result in the displacement of any persons. For additional information concerning the completed project, please contact Robert Clodi at 11231 Marcum Branch Rd., Benton, IL 62812 or call (618) 439-4321.