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Sewer separation, improvements planned for Red Run Drain in southeast Michigan

DETROIT – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, awarded a \$2,157,293 contract to a Michigan firm for improvements and repairs to the Red Run Drain in Macomb County and a sewer separation project in Oakland County.

Funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the economic stimulus package.

The contract was awarded to Site Development, Inc. of Madison Heights, Mich., a small business. The firm will separate storm drains and sanitary sewers to reduce the flow of E coli bacteria into Lake St. Clair through several tributaries.

“This is a significant project that will upgrade essential drainage infrastructure and halt the flow of E coli into the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair,” said Lt. Col. Michael Derosier, Detroit District engineer. “An improved and modernized Red Run Drain will benefit the region’s resources and residents.”

The contractor will eliminate a sewer cross connection at the 12 Mile Road and John R intersection and construct 415 feet of new line ranging from 48 to 60 inches in diameter to separate existing combined sewers and storm drains.

The project also includes the repair of 26 stormwater discharge points to the Red Run Drain open channel, and slope repairs at various locations to improve bank stability.

The project is expected to commence in spring 2011 and be completed in fall 2011.

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