

**From:** (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy  
**To:** [Title VI Complaints](#)  
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Good morning EPA,

We are writing to file a civil rights complaint with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding a project that the EPA is helping to fund in Flossmoor, Illinois. The EPA provided the Village of Flossmoor with \$492,000 toward the Flossmoor Road Viaduct project, which consists of two phases. Phase I is titled the Berry Lane Drainage Improvements Project, and Phase II is titled the (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy. Phase II has created a disparate impact on the community.

For Phase II, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy the engineering company, recommended that the construction take place near Flossmoor Park because it is closer to the area affected by flooding. However, the mayor decided to have Phase II take place near (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy because she lives near Flossmoor Park and does not want the construction to take place near her home. The mayor is intentionally benefiting the area of town where she resides.

Flossmoor Park has the green space necessary for Phase II. However, the project will take up all the green space at (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy. Phase II will consist of a detention basin that is 15-20 feet deep, 745 feet in length, and 300 feet in width. It will be in extremely close proximity to the playground and located directly behind the school. The community opposes the detention basin's placement near the school due to concerns for the children's safety and the loss of green space for them to run and play. The Village of Flossmoor has not mailed residents proper notice making them aware of the proposed detention basin and did not hold a comment period to obtain residents thoughts and concerns regarding the basin.

Additionally, the school district granted the Village an easement to construct the basin. The mayor's husband was a voting member in granting this easement, creating a conflict of interest in the project's approval.

It is also important to note that Flossmoor Park is near (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy which is a predominantly white neighborhood. While the (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy neighborhood is predominantly black. This raises concerns about racial and environmental equity. Despite raising our concerns with the Village of Flossmoor, we have yet to receive responses or alternative solutions.

We request that you intervene and halt the project until the Village of Flossmoor provides a solution that prioritizes our children's health, safety, and environmental psychology.

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Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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