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VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA PRESS RELEASE

The Village of North Utica would like to make this special statement regarding the potential for Illinois River Flooding. The Army Corp of Engineers released their latest projection that the River will crest on Wednesday June 17th. The projected elevation of the Crest is approximately three to four feet below what the crest was in the spring of 2013. This current projected elevation is expected to have potential flooding impacts into first floors of some existing structures; there may be impacts to basements or crawl spaces and there will be impacts to general business and travel through the affected area, and this current projection may change. Moreover, as in the past, the River recedes slowly after a crest, sometimes as little as one foot to a foot and a half per day. Additional rainfall at anytime in the next seven to ten days or so could cause the River to start to rise again. The Army Corp will continue to release new projections as things change. Due to current information we have received to date and the uncertainty of upcoming weather conditions, the Village is proceeding with mandatory evacuation orders in the affected areas. The affected area is generally the same area that was impacted in 2008 and 2013 in any of the low lying areas near and east and south of the Willows hotel towards the river. The Village would like to thank you for staying informed and keeping safe.