



BOONE COUNTY

Office of Emergency Management

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Mike Griggs
Director, Parks and Recreation
One South Seventh Street
Columbia, Missouri 65203

Dear Mr. Griggs,

Outdoor warning sirens provide valuable warning to resident and visitors enjoying the many outdoor spaces in and around the City of Columbia. Our office has identified an area in southern Columbia lacking appropriate outdoor warning siren coverage. To mitigate this issue, and to provide a level of service citizens have come to expect, we would like to utilize a very small area of Cosmo-Bethel Cosmo (4500 Bethel Street) to erect an outdoor siren site.

The area of inferior outdoor warning siren coverage is roughly south of Southampton Drive and north of Old Plank Road, west of Providence Road and east of Bethel Street. Over the past several years, this area has experienced significant construction of high density housing that many times attracts residents with an active lifestyle who frequently enjoy outdoor recreation. With the paring of active outdoor residents and high-density housing, as well as a large City owned park, the Cosmo-Bethel Park location is one of the highest priority locations for an outdoor warning siren in all of Boone County.

The site we are proposing includes one utility pole which will be placed in the ground and have a height of forty or so feet. This pole will be very similar to the utility poles in use by the City of Columbia Water and Light Department in that it will be constructed of wood and meet the same standard of other critical infrastructure. Atop the pole will sit a siren, this large siren will provide the needed coverage to mitigate the area currently lacking. The siren site will be powered by a solar cell rather than having electricity run to the site to limit the intrusion into the park area and minimize disruption of the aesthetic of Cosmo-Bethel Park.

The placement of this siren site will be at no cost to the City, either for installation or ongoing maintenance. In the event future needs require relocation of the siren, this will be paid for by our office and made simpler due to the solar-cell technology utilized at this site.

I look forward to working with you and your office in an effort to provide the very best service to our citizens. If I can be of any assistance, or if you were to have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tom Hurley