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Kathryn Murphy
City of Peoria Community Development Office
Peoria, IL

Dear City of Peoria Community Development:

As you know, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Peoria Area planned to build a CHDO funded home at 1026 NE Madison this Spring. We are respectfully requesting to move our CHDO funded build to 1017 NE Madison. Habitat for Humanity already owns this lot and we are currently building a Habitat for Humanity home next door at 1015 NE Madison.

The reason for the request is as follows:

Our first step in building is to find the sewer line before we begin excavation. The Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) sewer crew was on site the day that we were looking for the line with the excavation team. The Greater Peoria Sanitary District televised the process of finding the main line sewer on Morton Street so that we could connect to it. It was discovered that two fittings that are needed to connect onto the line were cracked. GPSD called Dillon Plumbing to look at the situation to see if they could repair the cracks. In doing so, Dillon Plumbing discovered a 2-foot by 2-foot concrete encasement around critical electrical lines. This 2-foot by 2-foot concrete conduit runs from Glendale Street all the way to Jefferson Street to protect the electrical power lines. Tim Gardener from Ameren said the power from the substation passes through the street access from Glendale to Jefferson. The sewer line is *below* this concrete encasement and is more than *eighteen feet deep*. Dillon Plumbing is unable to dig below the massive concrete covered conduit because of safety concerns. They can't have workers under this suspended massive structure. To move the concrete structure in order to get to the sewer lines safely would cost over \$30,000. This is not a feasible option for Habitat for Humanity nor is it advisable to take on a massive project that could affect the electrical lines.



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Please let us know what your decision is as we will wait on the construction of this home until we hear back from you.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lea Anne Schmidgall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lea Anne Schmidgall
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Peoria Area Executive Director