

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies including all Federal, State, and Local, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Harris County under Part 58 has determined that the following proposed actions under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program B-21-UC-48-0002 are located in the 100-year floodplain/wetland, and Harris County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. Proposed projects of the following description are located at the following addresses in Harris County, Texas.

Natural and beneficial functions of floodplains/wetlands include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater discharge or recharge, erosion control, water quality maintenance, habitat for flora and fauna, and contain recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural values potentially adversely affected by the following activities.

Harris County Pct. 2- Parkwood Estates Water Distribution System (Phase 3) *New construction of a 3,320-ft of 8" water line, 1,530-ft of 12-inch water line, hydrants, and service connections to eligible residents to replace dependence on shallow water wells and failing septic systems. Located at 5322-5603 Apala Dr. & 5322-5526 Rotan Dr., Houston, TX 77032. 0.53 acres of the 32.4-acre project site are in the 100-year floodplain.*

Harris County Pct. 3- Sidewalks and Park Project (Phase 2) *New construction of a 21,425-ft of sidewalk and approximately 1,000 ft of trail/pedestrian undercrossing development located in target areas Alief 6, Bonaire, Westborough and Westpark. The Addicks Clodine Rd undercrossing north of HCFCD Channel 0100-00 will connect Mission Greenbelt Trail under the roadway. 1.0 acre of potential wetlands adjacent to proposed sidewalks will potentially be affected and 3 acres of the 3-acre project site are in the 100-year floodplain and floodway (functionally dependent use).*

Sunbelt FWSD- Oakwilde Waterline Replacement (Phase 6) *To replace approximately 5,300 linear ft primarily 2" degraded cast iron waterline with new 8" C900 PVC waterline. Gate valves to isolate emergencies and 12 new fire hydrants will be installed. Located at 2202 - 2330 Brea Crest St, 2202 - 2418 Mooney Rd, 2202 - 2438 Sunny Dr, 11747 - 11623 Somerset Ln, in Harris County, Texas 77093. 3.2 of the 35.26 acre project site are in the 100-year floodplain.*

This notice with a request for comment was mailed to the Harris County Floodplain Administrator, Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program

can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Harris County by mail at the following address on or before February 25, 2021: Harris County Community Services Department, 8410 Lantern Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77054 and 832-927-4700, Attention: Daphne Lemelle, Deputy Director. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the address above or by email to plancomments@csd.hctx.net. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>.

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