

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Columbus (City) has determined that the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG MIT-MOD) Fund Program, GLO Contract #24-065-059-E569, for the purpose of providing backup power to a water plant and flood and drainage relief to north and south areas of the city, is located in the 100-Year Floodplain and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

Project Description: Subrecipient shall replace storm sewer; install junction boxes, inlets, curb, and gutter; adjust utilities; replace culverts; and complete associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at the following locations in Columbus, Colorado County, TX: Approximately 2 acres of project activities in Area 1 (Austin and Houston Streets) will occur in Zone AE of the 100-Year Floodplain. In Area 2 (Milam, Robson, Front and Malleck Streets), approximately 3 acres will occur in Zone AE of the 100-Year Floodplain and approximately 1 acre will occur in Shaded Zone X of the 500-Year Floodplain. The beneficial values of the floodplain will not be adversely affected as the project will improve drainage along the roadways to mitigate future flooding and allow for residents' ingress/egress during flooding events.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains, 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, 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 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 it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City at the following address on or before 10/1/24: City of Columbus, 605 Spring Street or P. O. Box 87, Columbus, TX 78934-0087, Attn: Mayor's Office. (979) 732-2366. A full description of the project 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 stated above or by email to secretary@columbus-texas.net.

Date: 9/12/24