

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **City of New Waverly** has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and ERR named: **New Waverly - CDV23-0248 - Wastewater, #(CDV23-0248)**, is located in a floodplain and the **City of New Waverly** 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 Location:

All work will occur in the City of New Waverly, Walker County, Texas in the following location:

- ROW - on south side of Hwy 1375 starting at 465 LF east of Gourd Creek Road (30.54252, -95.47711) south 1,570 LF (30.53883, -95.47569)

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

Sewer Facilities

Replace approximately one thousand five hundred seventy linear feet (1,570 LF) of six-inch to eight-inch (6in - 8in.) sewer main, manholes, service reconections, and all associated appurtenances. Construction activities shall include:

- Remove/Replace 8" Sewer line - 1,540 LF
- Remove/Replace 6" Sewer Line - 30 LF
- Remove/Replace 48" Manhole - 4 EA
- Install 48" Manhole - 1 Ea

Professional Services including Grant Administrator and Project Engineer activities.

FLOODPLAIN

According to the FFRMS Tool, no data exists for the project area. According to FEMA Map #48471C0525D (effective date 8/16/11) the entire project will occur within Zone A (100-year floodplain). Area of Disturbance: 0.158 acres.

Natural and beneficial values potentially adversely affected by the activity:

1. The natural resources of the floodplain include water, biological, and societal resources. The proposed project will have minimal impacts to the floodplain as the project involves minimal ground disturbance within the floodplain.
2. After review of a Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment for the project site as well as consultation with the USFWS, review of the County Lists of Endangered and Threatened Species for the County, it was concluded that the construction of the facilities will have no quantifiable impact on plant and animal life. Only native plants are to be used in the floodplain and on the site.
3. Societal resources should also be considered during the design process. The designs are meant to complement the natural features of the area and to offer an aesthetically pleasing structure. The site will not have an effect on agricultural lands.

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 requests 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 of New Waverly** at the following address on or before **September 5, 2024** (a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication/posting and end on the 16th day after the publication/posting): the **City of New Waverly City Hall, 200 Gibbs Street, New Waverly, TX 77358**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. at the same address. **Comments may also be submitted via email at todd@texasenvironmentals.com.**

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