

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Waelder has determined that the following proposed action under the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS NON-RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT HARVEY ROUND 1 FUNDING GLO Contract No. 20-065-112-C309 is located in the 100-year floodplain/wetland, and the City of Waelder 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/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. Heavy rain overwhelmed the drainage and wastewater systems of the City of Waelder. Inadequate drainage throughout the city prohibited stormwater from draining effectively, which flooded most of the city and caused intermittent power outages at the wastewater treatment plant. This threatened public health, safety, and general welfare. The City will conduct drainage and sewer infrastructure improvements to facilitate proper stormwater conveyance, reduce the impact of future flooding, and facilitate the proper functioning of critical wastewater-system components to reduce the impact of sewage contamination and backflow in emergency situations. Approximately 6.18 acres of 100 hundred flood plain will be impacted by the proposed improvements primarily along existing road right-of-way consisting of drainage ditches, valley drains, drainage piping, and improvements at the sewer plant consisting of a sewer plant generator and 6 LS transfer switches to be located above the 100 hundred year flood The proposed project(s) impact the entire community of Waelder, City Hall is located at 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder , Texas 78959 in Gonzales County.

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 the City of Waelder at the following address City Hall located at 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 on or before October 4, 2021. The City of Waelder can be contacted by phone directly at 830-788-7331 or by contacting the City Secretary by email at melindac@gvvc.com to the Attention: Roy Tovar, Mayor, Certifying Officer. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the City web site at cityofwaelder.org. The project activities and location can also be reviewed at City Hall, from the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at the Waelder **City** Hall, 300 US-90, West, Waelder, Texas 78959. Comments may also be submitted by mail or email at melindac@gvvc.com.

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