

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland
City of Waelder TDA CDBG Project**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals:

This is to give notice that the City of Waelder Responsible Entity under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation 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 Wetlands Protection. This activity is funded under the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, TDA Contract No 7220-489 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. The purpose of the proposed project, the City of Waelder is experiencing infiltration in their sewer trunk line during extended wet periods and their wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is currently out of compliance with The Texas Department on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The proposed activities at the sewer plant location uses lagoons for wastewater treatment. The work of replacement consists of replacement of approximately 670 L.F. of sewer trunk and related appurtenances and install additional (3) hybrid aerators at the sewer treatment plant to bring the facility back into compliance with TCEQ. Construction shall take place at the WWTP located at 605 South H. Street and at the following locations.

STREET	FROM	TO
Avenue H	Second Street	South First Street
Railroad Street	Avenue H	Between Avenue H and Avenue G on Railroad Street

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.

The City of Waelder has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: There are no practicable alternatives to relocating the proposed improvements because the improvements at the sewer plant are taking place at the plant's lagoons and are not located in the 100 Year flood/wetland plain. The aerators that are being installed at the sewer plant will not impact the floodplain. The replacement of 670 L.F. of 8-inch sewer line is directly located underground in the 100-hundred-year flood plain. The amount of work that is taking place in the flood plain represents less than 1% of the total flood acreage that is located inside the city limits. The existing line will be replaced with a 10-inch sewer line and there will be no change to topography or existing drainage coefficients. No increase in flows is projected beyond the occurrence of storm events on natural and beneficial floodplain values. There are no identifiable LOMA's applicable to these project activities. The City of Waelder will adhere to the local flood protection ordinance and comply with all state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

The City of Waelder has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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. 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 November 1, 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@gvtc.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@gvtc.com.

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