

Early Notice of Proposed Project to be Located in a Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Bowling Green, under 24 CFR Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery 21D-002 is located in the riverine Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The City of Bowling Green will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project is located underneath Whispering Hills Boulevard at the crossing of Jennings Creek in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. The approximate project location is 36.97103006345287, -86.48597525444822.

The City of Bowling Green intends to use approximately \$1.3 million in CDBG-DR funding to finance the replacement of an outdated culvert to reduce flooding along Jennings Creek. The current 70" culvert, located underneath Whispering Hills Boulevard, was constructed in the 1960's and has reached the end of its useful life. It is not big enough to handle the amount of stormwater passing through Jennings Creek and creates constriction, resulting in multiple feet of backwater. The replacement culvert will be large enough to prevent this, lowering flood stages for homes in the Whispering Hills neighborhood. Concurrently, the City of Bowling Green will be working with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. to complete the necessary surveys and studies to redraw the floodplain maps. Approximately 0.2 acres of floodplain land will be affected. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain 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 project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the floodplain 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 the floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Bowling Green at the following address on or before Friday, April 11, 2025: City of Bowling Green, 707 E. Main Ave., P.O. Box 430, Bowling Green, KY, 42101-0430, Attn. Nick Cook, Grants Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 707 E. Main Ave. Comments may also be submitted via email at ncs.info@bgky.org.

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