

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 North Little Rock Community Development Agency (CDA) has determined that the project site of the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants B-18-MC-05-0005 and B-19-MC-05-0005, is located in the 100-year floodplain. The CDA 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 Orders 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

The proposed activity is a street and storm water drainage improvements project on the two blocks of 9th Street from G Street to I Street in the Dixie area of North Little Rock, AR, in Pulaski County. Heavy rain causes flooding and pooling of water in yards, driveways, and street, resulting in unsafe conditions for residents, pedestrians and drivers. The project will include replacement and/or installation of underground pipes and junction boxes in the footprint of the existing storm water management system. Project will also include removal of existing street to sub-grade and installation of new street, inlets, curbs, gutters, driveway aprons, ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps. The approximately 0.67 acre project site is within a FEMA 100 year floodplain, per Community Number 050182, Panel 0363G, Flood Insurance Rate Map Number 05119C0363G, dated July 6, 2015.

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 CDA at the following address on or before August 16, 2019: City of North Little Rock Community Development Agency; Attention: Melissa Ervin, Director; 500 West 13th Street; North Little Rock, AR 72114. A description of the project may be reviewed at above address from 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday-Friday or on the web at www.nlr.ar.gov/communitydevelopment. Comments may also be submitted via email at mervin@nlr.ar.gov. Direct telephone inquiries to 501-906-6279.

Date: July 31, 2019

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