

## **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Colorado County (County) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, GLO Contract #24-065-079-E734, is located in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Floodplain, and the County 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, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

The proposed project location in the floodplain is Main Street (CR 106), from Hwy 90A to 11<sup>th</sup> Street, thence west past Tinkler Street, 4,190 LF, Rock Island, Colorado County, TX (mid-coordinates 29.52632, -96.57548). The extent of the floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach. The project proposes to install water lines and generators with foundations for the purpose of increasing the reliability of water and wastewater service during times of need. Approximately <.50-acres of project activities will occur in the FFRMS floodplain (formerly known as Zone A of the 100-Year floodplain). The beneficial values of the floodplain will not be adversely affected as the project will not change the topography and best management practices will be utilized during construction. There are other project locations in the Cities of Columbus, Garwood, Glidden and Sheridan under this contract, and none of those are located in the floodplain.

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 County on or before 11/20/24. Please submit your request by U. S. Mail to Colorado County, 400 Spring Street, Columbus, TX 78934-24561, Attn: County Judge's Office, or by email to [michelle.lowrance@co.colorado.tx.us](mailto:michelle.lowrance@co.colorado.tx.us). (979)733-0184. A full description of the project will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail.

Date: 11/5/24