

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Eastland (City) has determined that the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds Program (CDBG-MIT), Contract #22-082-004-D199, is located in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland, and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. Project Description: Flood and Drainage Improvements to mitigate flooding: Subrecipient shall upgrade existing outfalls and complete all associated appurtenances. Approximately 5-acres of activities from street improvements will be in Zone AE and approximately 75-acres from creek and lake activities will be in Zone A of the 100-Year Floodplain. Approximately 80 acres of activities from creek and lake activities will occur in Riverine, Freshwater Forested/Shrub, and Freshwater Emergent Wetlands. The natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain and wetlands will not be adversely affected, as the improved conveyance of storm waters will mitigate future flooding.

Project locations under this contract were included in the Early Notice that was published in the *Eastland County Today* on 1/6/22. This notice provides updates to locations with changes.

Lake Eastland Channel and Dam Embankment Improvements: at spillway structure to the end of County Rd 157 at North Fork Leon River, and across the dam. Spillway mid-Point 32.416559, -98.8323361; Dam mid-point 32.417960, -98.831920; 1,120 LF.

Weaver Creek Channel Improvements: at E Main St southward to the merging of Weaver Creek Channel and North Fork River. Mid-Point 32.400285, -98.804928; 1,965 LF.

North Fork Leon River Channel Improvements: at the North Fork Leon River bridge just N of W St Charles St @ N Seaman St flowing southward to the IH 20 bridge where the North Fork and South Fork Rivers merge. Mid-Point 32.399208, -98.80666; 10,285 LF.

South Fork Leon River Channel Improvements: at the IH 20 bridge where the North Fork and South Fork Rivers merge, flowing southwardly to the IH 20 Middle Fork Leon River bridge. Mid-Point 32.382822, -98.814994; 15,640 LF.

E Main Street Drainage Structures: removed from project.

City of Eastland, Eastland County TX 76448

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and 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 and 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 and 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 and wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City at the following address on or before 3/22/24: City of Eastland, 113 E. Commerce St, or P.O. Box 749, Eastland, TX 76448, (254) 629-8321, Attn: Mayor Larry Vernon. A full description of the project will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the address stated above or by email to citysec@eastlandtexas.gov.

Date: 3/7/24