

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
and NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
and FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD DESIGNATED WETLAND**

10/8/25

**City of Flatonia, 125 E. South Main Street / P. O. Box 329, Flatonia, TX 78941-0329
(361) 865-3548**

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited three separate but related procedural notification requirements
to be undertaken by the City of Flatonia

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 10/24/25, the City of Flatonia (City) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (TxGLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as Citywide Water Improvements, for the purpose of enhancing the city's water system reliability, capacity and emergency preparedness, under GLO Contract #24-065-159-F074.

Project Description: Subrecipient shall acquire easement; construct a well; install pump, motor, meter, pipe, water line, valves, tie-ins, and fire hydrants; reconnect services; repair pavement; and complete associated appurtenances.

Project Locations: City of Flatonia, Fayette County, TX

WATER IMPROVEMENTS	Location Coordinates	Proposed HUD Performance Measures
Along Nickel Mica Road 1	From Slaughter House Road westward 2,150 feet. 29.71872, -97.10361	2,150 Linear Feet (LF)
Along Nickel Mica Road 2	From Texas State Highway 95 northeastward 60 feet, thence northwestward along Nickel Mica Road through utility easement, crossing railroad to continuing northwestward to Starry Road and Farm-to-Market 154 intersection. 29.72032, -97.11313	2,550 LF
Along North Main Street	From 285 feet east of the intersection of East North Main Street and Market Street eastward 525 feet. 29.68761, -97.10542	525 LF
Along Converse Street / Easement	From intersection of North Converse Street and U. S. Highway 90 southward through easement continuing on South Converse Street to the easement between East South Main Street and East 6 th Street, thence westward to South Market Street. 29.68658, -97.10544	1,240 LF
Water Plant #3 / Water Well #13	1975 US-90 29.68258, -97.08237	One Public Facility

Funding Information for Grant Number 24-065-159-F074:

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: Public Facilities and Improvements – Non-covered Projects – LMI: \$3,022,400.00
Total Non-HUD Funds: \$0.00
Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$3,022,400.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 125 E. South Main Street, Flatonia, TX 78941 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD DESIGNATED WETLAND

This is to give notice that the City under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the TX General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. The project location is stated under REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS and is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) wetland. The project will provide citywide water improvements that will include a new water well, pump, motor, meter, pipe, valves, tie-ins and fire hydrants, service reconnections, pavement repair and associated appurtenances. According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map, the project is located in a Riverine Wetland totaling approximately <0.10-acres. Work will likely be approached under Nationwide Permit 14, *Linear Transportation Projects*, which will be confirmed after completion of surveying. Limits and conditions of the permit will be followed. HUD's 8-Step decision-making process of §55.20 to comply with 24 CFR Part 55 was completed.

The City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing wetland: Water Well: A different location for the new well was considered; however, due to the existing infrastructure, the water plant location is the most logical and cost effective. Water Line Downtown: An alternative is to continue to spot-repair aging infrastructure; however, this is not a cost effective operational practice for the long term. Water Line Interconnect: An alternative would be to construct a new water plant, including emergency backup power to serve the city in the event the other two water plants fail. The interconnect is a more cost effective method of resiliency. No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]: Taking no action would incur no costs for the improvements and would cause no construction-related environmental impact but would be unable to improve the City's water system reliability, capacity and emergency preparedness.

The City has reevaluated alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review and copying as outlined in the paragraph of FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Flatonia. All comments received by 10/23/25 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must be addressed to the City at citysecretary@ci.flatonia.tx.us or by U. S. mail to: City of Flatonia, 125 E. South Main Street / P. O. Box 329, Flatonia, TX 78941-0329, Attn: Mayor's Office. (361) 865-3548. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the City via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Flatonia certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Travis Seale, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Flatonia to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by GLO (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, Community Development and Revitalization, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO at (512) 475-5000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Travis Seale, Mayor