

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Flatonia (City) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, under GLO Contract #24-065-159-F074, is located in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated Riverine Wetland, and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Wetlands Protection. The proposed project locations are in the City of Flatonia, Fayette County, TX as follows:

- Along Nickel Mica Road 1, from Slaughter House Road westward 2,150 feet (29.71872, -97.10361), 2,150 Linear Feet;
- 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 Linear Feet;
- 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 Linear Feet;
- 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 6th Street, thence westward to South Market Street (29.68658, -97.10544), 1,240 Linear Feet;
- Water Plant #3 / Water Well #13, 1975 U.S. Highway 290 (29.68258, -97.08237), One Public Facility.

Project Description: City-wide Water Improvements: 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.

According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory map, there are two places where Nickel Mica Road crosses a Riverine Wetland, totaling approximately less than 0.10-acres at each crossing. Upon completion of surveying, if wetlands are present, the appropriate Nationwide Permit will be obtained, and limits and conditions of the permit will be followed. The beneficial values of the wetland will not be adversely affected as best management practices will be utilized during construction and the project activities will improve the conveyance of water without changing its natural pathway.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in 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 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 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.

Written comments must be received by the City of Flatonia at the following address on or before 8/14/25: 125 E. South Main Street or P. O. Box 329, Flatonia, TX 78941-0329, (361) 865-3548, Attn: Mayor's Office. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday – Friday from 8 am to 5 pm at the street address above. Comments may also be submitted via email at citysecretary@ci.flatonia.tx.us.

Date: 7/30/25

F074 exp. 8/14/25