

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Bowling Green, under 24 CFR Part 58, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or 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 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery 20D-002. The proposed project(s) is located underneath Whispering Hills Boulevard in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky at approximately 36.97103006345287, -86.48597525444822 and is located in the riverine Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The City of Bowling Green intends to use approximately \$1.3 million in CDBG-DR funding to finance the replacement of an outdated culvert in order to reduce flooding along Jennings Creek. Approximately 0.2 acres of floodplain land will be affected by this project.

The City of Bowling Green has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The action must be taken in the floodplain as the culvert to be replaced is in the floodplain. There is no other viable way to reduce flooding in the Whispering Hills neighborhood without replacing the existing culvert, which was installed in the 1960's and is not capable of handling significant rain events. A "no action" alternative will result in continued flooding along Jennings Creek. The City of Bowling Green will follow best management practices to ensure proper erosion control when replacing the culvert and will follow state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

The City of Bowling Green has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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

Written comments must be received by the City of Bowling Green at the following address on or before Wednesday, April 23, 2025: City of Bowling Green, 707 E. Main Ave., P.O. Box 430, Bowling Green, KY 42101-0430, Attn. Nick Cook, Grants Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 707 E. Main Ave. Comments may also be submitted via email at ncs.info@bgky.org.

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