

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 7/29/2026: This is to give notice that Lavaca County has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and ERR # (CDV25-0201), is located in the 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 and Protection of Wetlands. The County proposes to reconstruct of 10,106 LF of street including flexible base, subgrade, and HMAC Pavement as well as complete related driveway apron repair. The project location is within Lavaca County on the following County Roads.

- From intersection of CR391 and CR 392 on CR 391/ CR 391F
- CR 391F/CR 398 until the intersection with 398A
- CR 391 J from the intersection of 391F to 531;
- CR 391 H from the intersection of 391F to 399;
- CR 399 from the intersection of 391H to 389;
- CR 389 from the intersection of 399 to the intersection with 397; and
- CR 398 A from the north beginning of the road to the intersection with 397.

According to the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool (FFSST) Climate-Informed Science Approach (CISA), data is not available for the project area. Additionally, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 48285C0425E, effective on 11/26/2010, the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain has not been mapped within the project area; however, portions of the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain have been mapped.

Therefore, the Freeboard Value Approach (FVA) was utilized to determine the extent of the FFRMS floodplain. As the proposed project does not involve an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great because such flooding could result in a loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property, the proposed action is not considered a critical action.

Because the mapped 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain nearest to the project area does not include published Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data, the Responsible Entity (RE) utilized FEMA's Estimated BFE Viewer to obtain the best available estimated BFE data for the project area. Consistent with HUD guidance, the highest available estimated BFE within each project segment was identified and increased by two feet to establish the applicable FFRMS floodplain elevation. USGS National Elevation Mapper data were then used to determine the extent of the project area located below the resulting FFRMS floodplain elevation. Due to the linear nature and length of the project, the analysis was conducted separately for each roadway segment.

The proposed project is within approximately 3.35 acres of the FFRMS Floodplain.

The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) 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; (2) 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; and (3) 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 on or before by 8/13/2026 at 109 N La Grange St, Hallettsville, TX 77964. Attention: Keith Mudd, County Judge. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the same address. Comments may also be submitted via email to judgemudd@co.lavaca.tx.us CC: jacqueline.six@grantworks.net.