

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) and Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is seeking funding under HUD HOME Funds, TPCG general Funds, LHC National Housing Trust Funding, and Low Income Tax Credits. The proposed project includes construction of 48 new single-family residential structures and associated driveways in an existing subdivision. Approximately 8.5 acres of 100-year floodplain exists on the undeveloped properties to be addressed along Super Bowl Drive, Fleur De Lis Drive, and Saints Circle, in Houma, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. Approximate coordinates of the center of the site are 29.58844 N / 90.68733 W.

TPCG / LHC has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Alternative site locations outside of the floodplain were considered, however, they were not selected as viable alternatives as many units are needed and other sites were not readily available (require acquisition from multiple parties, other environmental impacts, and/or additional permitting). The floodplain impact will be minimized by elevation of the structure above the base flood elevation in accordance with all local and parish building ordinances, thus, minimizing flood impacts to human health and property.

TPCG/LHC has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Orders 11988 and 113690, 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 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. Second, 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. Third, 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 by the TPCG at the following address on or before October 1, 2024: Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, P.O Box 2768, Houma, LA 70361 Attention: Antoine Foret, CDBG Program Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8-4:30 at 4800 Highway 311, Houma, LA 70360. Comments may also be submitted via email at jrury@leaaf.com.

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