

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Lafayette County under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under its CDBG-HR Program (26DB-H04 / H2620) may be located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain/wetland, and Lafayette County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed activity will include CDBG Housing Rehabilitation assistance activities to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) residents. These activities include rehabilitation, demolition/replacement within the same location (where necessary) and temporary relocation for a minimum of 21 LMI housing units and a maximum of 40 total housing units. The project sites will be more than 2,000 feet apart, the land use won't change, and all homes will be owner occupied. Project sites have not yet been identified, but will all be located within the unincorporated areas of Lafayette County.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA). Based on the 0.2 PFA screening, 350,663 acres of floodplain areas exist throughout the unincorporated areas of Lafayette County. The mapped acreage for wetlands throughout the unincorporated areas of Lafayette County is 151,695 acres.

The intrinsic values of the prospective project sites are strictly developed residential. These values would be maintained by the project, though increased impermeable area in the floodplain may increase long-term exposure to flood risk, necessitating the application of HUD floodplain management standards, including elevation or floodproofing requirements and flood insurance coverage.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain/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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain/wetland. 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/wetland 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/wetland it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Lafayette County at the following address on or before June 22, 2026: Lafayette County, 120 West Main St, Mayo, FL 32066, and (386) 294-1600, Attention: Steve Land, Clerk of Court & Comptroller. A full description of the project may also

be reviewed from Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at sland@lafayetteclerk.com.

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