



Texas General Land Office

PUBLIC NOTICE

Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

Date: August 6, 2025

This is to give notice that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-Disaster Recovery (DR) and GLO Contract Number 24-033-000-E072 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetlands. As such, the GLO will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands and the potential impacts on the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, 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 project location is the central area in Harris County southwest of the intersection of Isom Street and Aldine Westfield Road, north of Halls Bayou (LAT 29.896485°/LONG -95.357362°).

The proposed action P518-11-00-E002 will improve the stormwater conveyance in the Halls Bayou watershed by expanding a dry bottom detention basin located southwest of the intersection of Aldine Westfield Road and Isom Street in Houston, north Harris County, Texas (29.896570, -95.357056). The proposed action is comprised of the construction of an integrated stormwater detention basin with dual weir and outfall structures and 550 acre-feet of capacity. The Project combines two existing stormwater detention basins and expands into the adjacent acreage such that the combined acreage of the two existing basins and expanded basin is approximately 55.8 acres. At its deepest point, the detention basin expansion area is planned to be approximately 15 feet deep. The basin expansion work consists of approximately 210 ac-ft of additional excavation, redistributing fill on basin embankments, and grading in the project area. The spillway to Halls Bayou from the existing dry-bottom detention basin on the east side of the property will be modified by raising the height and changing the geometry of the overflow weir and extending the inlet for the outfall pipe on the basin side (to be fitted with a floatable screen). No work is planned below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of Halls Bayou. When complete, the stormwater detention basin will hold excess storm water and slowly release it back to Halls Bayou, providing flood risk reduction benefits to the community. Based on the effective FEMA FIRMs, 4.9 acres are in the Floodway, 33.9 acres are in the 100-Year Floodplain, 37.5 acres are in the 500-Year



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Floodplain, and 0.7 acre are outside of the floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 500-year flood approach, totaling 76.3 acres in the FFRMS floodplain. The proposed action includes 0.02 acre of wetland impacts. The impacted wetlands provide no recreational, educational, scientific, cultural, or historic value beyond flood risk reduction. The proposed action is needed to alleviate flooding within the Halls Bayou watershed and to remove the 100-year floodplain from approximately 64 structures identified in the flood hazard area.

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

Written comments must be received by GLO at the following address on or before August 21, 2025. A minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16th day after the publication:

Texas General Land Office
Community Development & Revitalization (CDR) Division
PO Box 12873, Austin TX 78711-2873
(512) 475-5051
ATTN: David Camarena, Director of Environmental Oversight

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M at the address above and at:

(<https://www.hcfd.org/Activity/Projects/Halls-Bayou/C-41/Isom-Stormwater-Detention-Basin>).
Comments may also be submitted via email at env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov.