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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD (FFRMS) FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

February 24, 2026

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) on behalf of the Harris County Flood Control District.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 12, 2026, the GLO will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Harris County Flood Control District for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirement Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-56) and the Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as the Stormwater Detention Basin along Jackson Bayou Project for the purpose of improving stormwater conveyance and decreasing flood risk within the Jackson Bayou watershed through the construction of a wet-bottom stormwater detention basin with 12.85-acre feet of detention capacity, inflow weirs, an outfall structure, and a temporary access easement, at a total cost of \$ 4,821,266.60. The project site is located on the north side of Jackson Bayou (R100-00-00) and west of the intersection of Runneburg Road and Ramsey Road in Crosby, Texas.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD (FFRMS) FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that GLO, under 24 CFR Part 58, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 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 HUD's CDBG-DR Program, GLO Contract# 24-033-000-E072 and HUD grant IDs B-17-DM-48-0001; B-18-DP-48-0001. The proposed project is located on the north side of Jackson Bayou (R100-00-00) and west of the intersection of Runneburg Road and Ramsey Road in Crosby, Texas. The project is within the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetlands. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2-Percent-Annual Chance Floodplain Approach (0.2 PFA). The project meets HUD's definition of critical action under



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24 CFR 55.2(b)(3). All structures that will be placed in the Regulatory Floodway will be functionally dependent as defined under 24 CFR 55.8(a).

The proposed project includes the construction of a wet-bottom stormwater detention basin with approximately 12.85 acre-feet of stormwater detention capacity. The project will include a concrete and riprap weir and 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) outfall and riprap apron constructed into Jackson Bayou to facilitate stormwater inflows and outflows. The purpose of the project is to reduce flood risk within the Jackson Bayou watershed by decreasing water surface elevations along Jackson Bayou while demonstrating no increase in water surface elevations or impact on adjacent properties. Construction activities include clearing, grubbing, excavation, and debris removal; adding fill on embankments; grading; installation of backslope swales with concrete interceptors and outfall piping, slope paving, riprap for erosion protection, concrete weir, RCP outfall, and associated appurtenances. Approximately 4.1 acres of forested vegetation will be removed during the construction. The project is within existing Flood Control District right-of-way (ROW), and no property acquisition is required. A 1.1-acre temporary easement within San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) ROW (north of the project site to Crosby Dayton Road) will be obtained for access to the site during construction. A temporary access road will be constructed within the SJRA ROW. The existing 20-foot-long culvert and 30-inch RCP at the Crosby Dayton Road access will be replaced with a 44-foot-long culvert and 30-inch high-density polyethylene pipe.

Approximately 8.1 acres of the project site are within the FFRMS floodplain. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel 48201C0545L shows approximately 3.9 acres of the project site are in the Regulatory Floodway (Zone AE) and the remaining 4.2 acres are in the 100-Year Floodplain (Zone AE). No wetlands exist within the proposed project limits.

GLO has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain and wetlands: Alternative 1) Three stormwater detention basins and channel conveyance improvements to Jackson Bayou and 2) No Action. Alternative 1 encompasses a larger area of forested vegetation that will be cleared, requires ROW acquisition, and requires modifications within the SJRA canal that may disrupt water distribution services during construction. This alternative will also result in impacts to Waters of the U.S., triggering lengthy U.S. Army of Corps Engineers reviews and permit requirements. ROW acquisition and permitting requirements will cause schedule delays, and the project will not meet the grant timelines. For these reasons, this alternative was not selected. Under the No Action Alternative, no stormwater detention basin will be constructed for flood reduction and flood mitigation, floodwater detention volume will not be added to the Jackson Bayou watershed, and stormwater drainage capacity will remain insufficient for the community. The No Action alternative will continue to result in repetitive damage to property and infrastructure, and public health and safety



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will continue to be at risk. The No Action Alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the project and is not considered the recommended alternative.

The proposed action meets the purpose and need of the project while minimizing environmental impacts and therefore is the Preferred Alternative. To meet the purpose and need, the project must be located within the FFRMS floodplain so that the basin can receive stormwater overflows from Jackson Bayou during storm events and safely release it once the storm has passed. The project will be constructed on land currently owned by the Harris County Flood Control District and does not require acquisition, relocation, or displacements. The proposed action will not impact wetlands or Waters of the U.S. and will avoid construction activities in the SJRA canal. The proposed action will require tree and vegetation removal and grading within the footprint of the basins. To address floodplain impacts, the project includes the development of on-site stormwater detention that will offset all construction activities in the floodplain.

The GLO has reevaluated alternatives to building in the FFRMS floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to the FFRMS floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, and 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 floodplains 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about 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 floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the GLO at the following address:

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



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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.hcfdc.org/F107>). Comments may also be submitted via email at env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The GLO on behalf of the Harris County Flood Control District has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Texas General Land Office's Community Development & Revitalization (CDR) Division, located at 1700 Congress Ave., Austin TX 78701-1495, as well as the Harris County Flood Control District, located at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Houston TX 77092, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9A.M to 5 P.M. The ERR will also be made available to the public for review electronically and can be requested at env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Texas General Land Office's Community Development & Revitalization (CDR) Division. All comments received by March 11, 2026, will be considered by the GLO prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The GLO on behalf of the Harris County Flood Control District certifies to HUD that Jet Hays in his capacity as Deputy Director of Integration consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Harris County Flood Control District to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the GLO's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the GLO;
- (b) the GLO has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58;



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(c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or

(d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division at: 451 7th Street SW, Room 7272, Washington, DC 20410 or by email at disasterrecovery@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jet Hays, Deputy Director of Integration

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