



# Texas General Land Office

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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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**

June 2, 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 June 18, 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 Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as the South Mayde Creek Channel Conveyance Improvements and Stormwater Detention Basin (U101-00-00-E002/U501-06-00-E002) Project for the purpose of alleviating flooding within the Addick's Reservoir watershed to which South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) contributes flow. Located in western Harris County, Texas, the project will provide 470-acre feet of flood mitigation to reduce flooding and the resulting flood damage along South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) for storm events up to and including the 100-year event, at a total cost of \$32,136,389.91. The project consists of two non-contiguous portions that include channel conveyance improvements along South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) in the eastern portion of the project and a stormwater detention basin in the western portion. The eastern portion is located approximately 6,800 feet downstream of the western portion and parallel to Saums Road, extending from North Fry Road downstream for approximately 5,500 linear feet to Greenhouse Road. The western portion is located north of the intersection of North Westgreen Boulevard and Raintree Village Drive.



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## **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 Order(s) 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, GLO Contract# 24-064-000-E151 and HUD Grant ID B-18-DP-48-0002. The proposed project is in western Harris County, Texas, and consists of two non-contiguous portions that include channel conveyance improvements along South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) in the eastern portion of the project and a stormwater detention basin in the western portion. The eastern portion is located approximately 6,800 feet downstream of the western portion and parallel to Saums Road, extending from North Fry Road downstream for approximately 5,500 linear feet to Greenhouse Road. The western portion is located north of the intersection of North Westgreen Boulevard and Raintree Village Drive. The project site is in 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 channel improvements for U101-00-00-E002 will comprise of 14.34 acres along the south bank of South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) for approximately 5,500 feet and will increase conveyance capacity by approximately 143 square feet. The stormwater detention basin (U501-06-00-E002) will occupy approximately 66.11 acres of undeveloped land abutting South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) and will create 470 acre-feet of stormwater detention capacity. The purpose of the project is to improve the stormwater conveyance in the South Mayde Creek watershed and alleviate flooding within the Addick's Reservoir watershed to which South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) contributes flow. The project will provide flood mitigation to reduce flooding and the resulting flood damage along South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) for storm events up to and including the 100-year event. Construction activities include clearing, grubbing, excavation, debris removal, utility relocations, and installation of associated appurtenances. This project will require acquisition, however, no displacements will occur as a result of the project, as all acquired land is vacant.

The project site consists of approximately 80.45 acres. Approximately 72.44 acres of the project site are within the FFRMS floodplain. The Federal Emergency Management Agency



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(FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels 48201C0605M and 48201C0615M (effective November 15, 2019), show approximately 21.11 acres of the project site are within the Zone AE floodway, 41.81 acres in Zone A (100 year floodplain), 9.52 acres in Zone X shaded (500-year floodplain), and 8.01 acres are in an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard. Approximately 0.44 acres of wetlands exist within the proposed project limits, of which 0.23 acres will be permanently impacted by the project. The impacted wetlands provide no recreational, educational, scientific, cultural, or historic value. However, the wetlands do have the potential to provide similar benefits as those provided by the project, to include floodwater storage, erosion control, water quality maintenance and habitat for flora and fauna.

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) Benching of South Mayde Creek and constructing a bypass channel downstream of Greenhouse Road and 2) No Action. Constructing a bypass channel will help reduce pressure during peak flows such as the 100-year and 500-year flood events. This alternative does not include an upstream detention basin, which eliminates the benefit of allowing more manageable flow volumes into South Mayde Creek and ultimately Addicks Reservoir. Without a detention basin, there is no mitigation for the expanded capacity of the channel, which will lead to continued flooding within the watershed. Alternative 1 requires significant right-of-way acquisition and a larger construction footprint to create the bypass channel. The bypass channel will require a channel alignment within Cullen Park, a heavily forested area with potential habitat for bat species, migratory birds and other wildlife species. Additionally, this alternative will result in impacts to wetland areas exceeding one acre, thereby requiring substantial compensatory mitigation, and impacts to preferred habitat for listed species. For these reasons, Alternative 1 was not selected. Under the No Action Alternative, there will be no channel improvements along South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) or the construction of a stormwater detention basin for flood reduction and flood mitigation. Flood elevations along South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) will not decrease, and residents and businesses will continue to be affected by area flooding. Extreme flood events in this area will continue to result in property loss, damage to homes and businesses, mobility disruptions, and potential exposure to health risks associated with standing water. Therefore, the No Action alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the project and for these reasons was not the recommended alternative.



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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 (U501-06-00-E002) can receive stormwater overflows from South Mayde Creek (U101-00-00) during storm events and safely release it back once the storm has passed. The Proposed Action will require approximately 15.91 acres of forested habitat to be cleared, removing potential roosting and foraging habitat for protected bat species, migratory birds, and other wildlife species. Approximately 0.3 acres of tree preservation area will remain, which may serve as potential habitat for displaced species. To ensure no impacts to the state-listed alligator snapping turtle, an exclusion fence (approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) will be installed prior to any construction activity and will be observed daily by a biological monitor. The Proposed Action will remove approximately 0.23 acres of wetlands. A 100-foot-wide vegetated shelf is proposed beneath the normal pool elevation and will mitigate the wetland loss. A 25-foot protective buffer around the remaining onsite wetlands will be clearly marked with construction fencing. The Proposed Action meets the purpose and need of the project by providing approximately 470 acre-feet of detention volume for flood mitigation that will decrease the frequency of flooding within the Addick's Reservoir watershed. The Proposed Action is considered the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative and therefore was selected as the preferred alternative.

The GLO has reevaluated alternatives to building in the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands 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



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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

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.hcfcd.org/C46SMC>). Comments may also be submitted via email at [env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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 June 17, 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.



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## **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;
- 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: 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 2231 or by email at [disasterrecovery@hud.gov](mailto: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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