

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that The County of Jasper, TX has determined that a portion of the following proposed action under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and Water Improvements Project # 7215251 is located in the 100 Year Floodplain, and the County of Jasper, TX will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The project will be comprised of improvements to existing lines in the Evadale Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 distribution system. This work will involve the replacement of water lines to prevent frequent maintenance issues and disruptions in service. Work shall include installation of approximately six thousand five hundred fifty linear feet (6,550 l.f.) of six-inch (6") water line, bore and encasement, valves and fittings, service reconnections, pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances. The total acreage located within the floodplain is approximately 1.604 acres. The proposed project is located on Highway 96, west of County Road 854 and north of County Road 847, Highway 105 (FM 1131) from County Road 867 to County Road 857, and on County Road 860 from Evadale WC&ID No. 1 Well Site 1 East to County Road 858, in the City of Evadale, Jasper County, TX

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, 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 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 County of Jasper, TX at the following address on or before June 23, 2016: County of Jasper, TX, 121 North Austin, Room 106, Jasper, TX 75951 and (409) 384-2612, Attention: Mark Allen, County Judge. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the above address and at www.co.jasper.tx.us. Comments may also be submitted via email at mark.allen@co.jasper.tx.us.

Date: June 8, 2016