

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 9/11/2025: This is to give notice that Matagorda County has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and ERR #(24-065-093-E769), is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Matagorda County 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, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The County proposes to repair and replace deteriorated infrastructure within the River Oaks Subdivision by replacing old 6-inch diameter Asbestos Cement Water Mains with new PVC C-900 mains; installing new gate valves along the new PVC main; replacing service taps, joints, tees, and fittings along replaced main segments; installing a new 250 GPM water well to support an existing aging well; installing new well controls, fence, driveway, electric power service, and a new well tank; paving road work as necessary; installing disinfection equipment; and completing all associated appurtenances. Work will take place in Matagorda County, Texas. The new water well will be installed between 49 Trinity Street and 123 Trinity Street, Bay City, TX 77414, approximately 500 feet south of Brazos Street (approximate coordinates 29.00859, -95.99666). Repairs and improvements to the existing water tank and water system components will take place between 23 Trinity Street and 28 Trinity Street, Bay City, TX 77414, approximately 200 feet south of Brazos Street (approximate coordinates 29.008917, -95.997811). Replacements to water lines will take place at locations summarized on the chart below:

Drainage Facility	Location	Coordinates	Length (linear feet)
Brazos and Trinity Street	From a point approximately 280 feet east of Navidad Street and approximately 50 south of Brazos Street south, along Brazos Street, to Trinity Street then along Trinity Street to its intersection with Red River Road as well as to the proposed new water well and existing water system facilities.	From 29.010590, -95.994229 to 29.009830, -95.997596 to 29.009051, -95.997317 to 29.008911, -95.997821 and 29.008589, -95.996662 to 29.005567, -95.996823.	3,173
Nueces Street	Along Nueces Street, from its intersection with Brazos Street to its intersection with Red River Road	From 29.008573, -95.999689 to 29.004427, -95.999306	1,514
Lower Colorado Road	Along Lower Colorado Road from its intersection with Brazos Street to its intersection with San Jacinto Street	From 29.007861, -96.001185 to 29.004889, -96.001169	1,145

According to the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool (FFSST) CISA data is not available for the project area. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has defined the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain for the project area. According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 48321C0125F effective date 1/15/2021 and Panel No. 48321C0140F effective date 1/15/2021 approximately 1 acre of the proposed project is located within the 0.2%-annual-chance floodplain, which is the entirety of the project area. As the proposed project involves an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great because such flooding might result in a loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property, it is therefore a critical action. When CISA data is not available or actionable for critical actions, the 0.2% annual-chance floodplain must be compared to the area that results from adding an additional three feet to the base flood elevation (BFE) at the project area. The Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain is whichever results in the larger and higher floodplain. As the entirety of the project is within the .2% annual-chance floodplain, it can be concluded that the entirety of the project, an area of approximately 1 acre, is within the

FFRMS floodplain. According to FEMA's Flood Map Change Viewer, there is no pending or preliminary data available for the proposed project area. Executive Order 11988, 24 CFR 55.20 applies and requires an 8-step analysis of the direct and indirect impacts associated with the construction, occupancy, and modification of a floodplain. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) 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; (2) 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; and (3) 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 on or before 9/27/2025 by Matagorda County at 1700 7th Street, Room 301, Bay City, TX 77414-5034, (979) 244-7605. Attention: Bobby Seiferman, County Judge. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the same address. Comments may also be submitted via email to cmorones@co.matagorda.tx.us CC: ben@grantworks.net.