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**COMBINED 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 DESIGNATED
FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND**

5/15/26

Bastrop County, 804 Pecan Street / P. O. Box 577, Bastrop, TX 78602-0577
(512) 581-7100

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited three separate but related procedural notification requirements to be undertaken by Bastrop County

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 6/2/26, Bastrop County (County) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as Flood and Drainage Improvements for flood protection, continuity of access/mobility, promote housing security, enhance infrastructure resilience and save recovery costs, under GLO Contract #24-065-104-E836.

Project Locations: Bastrop County, TX

The Detention Pond Drainage Improvements were environmentally cleared in the GLO MIT MOD City of Smithville Detention Pond Drainage Improvements Project #24-065-102-E834. They are included in the Bastrop County MOD for funding purposes.

Project Title: Detention Pond Drainage Improvements (Smithville)

Project Description: Subrecipient shall remove existing drainage structures; excavate pond; install culverts, headwalls; clear, enlarge and regrade channel; repair pavement; relocate utilities; and complete associated appurtenances. Construction will take place at the following locations:

| Location | Approximate Path / Coordinates | Proposed HUD Performance Measures |
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| Webster/North Street, Harper Street, Bruner Blvd | From approximately 275 feet west of State Highway 95 and 150 feet north of Webster/North Street, southward approximately 80 feet, thence southwestward approximately 75 feet, thence westward on Webster/North Street to Harper Street, thence southward to Bruner Boulevard, thence eastward to the Detention Pond. 30.00117, -97.16797 | 1,350 Linear Feet (LF) |
| Drainage Channel | From approximately 50 feet west of Washington Street, southeastward along channel to Jones Street. 29.99683, -97.16275 | 2,310 LF |
| Detention Pond – North Smithville High School | From State Highway 95 to Washington Street 30.00005, -97.16562. | 1 Public Facility (PF) |

Project Title: Cardinal Drive Drainage Improvements

Project Description: Subrecipient shall remove headwalls and pipe; install embankment, culverts, wingwalls and riprap; remove and replace pavement; and complete associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at the following location:

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| Cardinal Drive | From approximately 600 feet northwest of the intersection of Hook Em Horns Drive and Cardinal Drive, northwestward 120 feet. 30.16483, -97.21279 | 120 LF |
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Project Title: Kaanapali Lane Drainage Improvements

Project Description: Subrecipient shall excavate; install embankment, culverts, wingwalls, riprap and guardrail; remove and replace pavement; and complete associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at the following location:

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| Kaanapali Lane | From approximately 130 feet southeast of the intersection of Koali Drive and Kaanapali Drive Lane, southeastward 100 feet. 30.08854, -97.27746 | 100 LF |
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Funding Information (for entire contract)

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$4,362,600.00

Other Funds: \$2,421,100.00 (City of Smithville E834 project funding to be used for construction, engineering, environmental and grant administration)

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$6,783,700.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County 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 Bastrop County, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602, (512) 581-7100, and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND

This is to give notice that Bastrop County has, under 24 CFR Part 58, conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C, Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under The TX General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. The project locations are as stated under REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS, and the locations are partially located in the FFRMS floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Freeboard Value Approach. Detention Pond: FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette 48021C0510F, effective 5/9/2023: partially located in Zone A of the 100-Year Floodplain, totaling approximately 4-acres. Cardinal Drive: FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette 48021C0250E, effective 1/19/2006: partially located in Zone A of the 100-Year Floodplain, totaling approximately 0.23-acres. Kaanapali Lane: FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette 48021C0360F, effective 5/9/2023: located in Zone A of the 100-Year Floodplain, totaling approximately 0.25-acres.

According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory maps, each project site crosses a possible wetland. A professional investigation was conducted with the following determination: Each of the crossings are considered separate single and complete projects. Based on the minimal impacts to

WOTUS (Waters of the U.S.) (<0.1-acre impacts at each single and complete project), the proposed improvements can be constructed under the authorization of NWP 14 with no PCN (Pre-Construction Notification) required.

There will be no adverse effects on the natural values of the floodplain or wetland because best management practices will be followed during construction, and the project activities will mitigate future flooding that will prevent erosion and changes to the topography. HUD's 8-Step decision-making process of §55.20 to comply with 24 CFR Part 55 was completed.

The County 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 wetland: Additional Location: Work was proposed on Ranchette Street to rebuild the low-water crossing that had been washed out by storms. When it was determined that there would not be enough grant funding to complete this site, it was removed from the scope of work. No Action Alternative: Taking no action would incur no costs for the improvements and would cause no construction-related environmental impact but would be unable to Taking no action would incur no costs for the improvements and would cause no construction-related environmental impact but would be unable to mitigate future flooding.

Bastrop County has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain and wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review and copying as outlined in the paragraph of FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in a floodplain and wetland 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments/objections on the ERR to Bastrop County. All comments received by 6/1/26 will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must be addressed to the County at lyndsey.schroeder@co.bastrop.tx.us or by mail to: Bastrop County, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602, (512) 581-7100,, Attn: County Judge Klaus' Office. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Bastrop County certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Gregory Klaus, in his capacity as County Judge, 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. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Bastrop County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and Bastrop County'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 Bastrop County; (b) Bastrop County 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 GLO (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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, Community Development and Revitalization, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO at (512) 475-5000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gregory Klaus, County Judge