

NOTICE FOR EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN OR WETLANDS

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) has conducted an evaluation as required by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management and by Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11990 for the Protection of Wetlands in accordance with HUD regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20(c) Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) action under the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program.

Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD)-Single-Family Affordable Housing Programs-HOME (Countywide) Purpose: Construct or reconstruct single-family homes to support the Harris County CDBG-DR Single-Family New Construction Program and the Homeowner Assistance Program that will replace affordable single-family housing stock for those affected by disasters impacting Harris County through the development of new construction or reconstruction and elevation if in the floodplain for housing with reduced risk of flooding. Location: Harris County, Texas, Countywide.

This notice with a request for comment was mailed to the Texas Water Board, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 HCCSD at the following address on or before November 6, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.: Community Services Department; 8410 Lantern Point Drive; Houston, Texas 77054; Attention: Ms. Daphne Lemelle, Deputy Director. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the address above or by email to paul.suckow@csd.hctx.net. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>.

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