

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Lee County (County) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, under GLO Contract #24-065-169-F084, is located in the riverine Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and Riverine Wetland, and the County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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. Following, are the locations in Lee County, TX:

City of Dime Box:

- Stewart Street, from Knox Street southeastward to Guy M. Bryan Drive (30.35570, -96.82570), 886 Linear Feet (LF);
- Woods Street, from Knox Street southeastward to Guy M. Bryan Drive (30.35493, -96.82636), 891 LF;
- Knox Street, from Woods Street northeastward to Ramsey Street (30.35684, -96.82650), 1,034 LF;
- Guy M. Bryan Drive, from Woods Street northeastward to Ramsey Street (30.35535, -96.82421), 1,050 LF;
- Stephen F. Austin Avenue/Blvd, from County Road 425 northwestward to Stayton Avenue (30.35699, -96.82579), 1,480 LF;
- Bowers Street, From County Road 425 northwestward, thence southwestward to Woods Street (30.35704, -96.82394), 2,111 LF;
- Kocurek Street/Cushing Street, from County Road 425 northwestward to Cushing Street, thence southwestward to Woods Street (30.35743, -96.82480), 2,035 LF;
- County Road 424, from Ramsey Street northeastward 3,164 feet (30.35965, -96.81957), 3,164 LF;
- Morgan Street, from Stephen F. Austin Avenue/Blvd northeastward to Ramsey Street (30.35812, -96.82661), 336 LF;
- Stayton Avenue, from County Road 141 southwestward to Stephen F. Austin Avenue/Blvd (30.35848, -96.82745), 256 LF.

County Road 426 and County Road 429, from intersection of County Road 424 and County Road 426 southeastward to County Road 429, thence southeastward to Private Road 4291 (30.36482, -96.79963), 9,943 LF.

Post Oak Drive, from approximately 330 feet southeast of Mesquite Trail, southeastward 400 feet (30.43033, -97.22695), 400 LF.

Project Descriptions:

Lee County Dime Box Project: Subrecipient shall remove and replace pavement and complete associated appurtenances.

CR 426/CR 429: Subrecipient shall remove and replace pavement and complete associated appurtenances.

Post Oak Drive Culvert Bridge: Subrecipient shall acquire property; regrade creek; remove and install bridge, box culverts, headwalls, riprap, guardrails, and bridge rails; pave; and complete associated appurtenances.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Freeboard Value Approach. According to FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMette 48287C0090C, effective April 16, 2014, the Post Oak Drive project site is within a riverine FFRMS floodplain. According to FEMA FIRMs 4287C0300C, effective April 16, 2014, the Dime Box and CR 426/CR 429 project areas are not in the

floodplain. Approximately 0.10-acres at the Post Oak Drive Culvert Bridge project will be in the riverine FFRMS floodplain and approximately 0.10-acres each on County Road 424, County Road 426/County Road 429 and Post Oak Drive will cross a Riverine Wetland. Work in the wetlands will be approached under the appropriate Nationwide Permit, which will be determined after surveying is completed. The limits and conditions of the permit will be followed. The beneficial values of the floodplain and wetland will not be adversely affected as best management practices will be utilized during construction and the project activities will not change the topography.

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain and wetland, 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 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.

Written comments must be received by Lee County at the following address on or before 10/2/25: Lee County, 200 S. Main Street, Room 107, Giddings, TX 78942, (979) 542-3178, Attn: County Judge's Office. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted via email at Amanda.casey@co.lee.tx.us.

Date: 9/17/25