

## **Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Moore, Oklahoma has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 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 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery under HUD grant number B-13-MS-40-0001. The proposed project is located in the Plaza Towers Neighborhood and runs from SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Penn Lane, Penn Lane to SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Avenue, and SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in Moore, Cleveland County. The City of Moore proposes waterline replacement in the Plaza Towers Neighborhood. The proposed project site is located within AE Zone, area of special flood hazard with water surface elevations determined, as indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and runs parallel with a riverine. The project consists of the replacement of 3,750 feet of water line. The water line replacement will consist of the removal of the current line and installation of a new water line. The construction work will stay outside of the horizontal limits of the 100 year floodplain and outside of the wetland with the exception of one crossing. There will be one crossing, approximately 160 feet, which will be bored underneath the floodplain/wetland. Approximately 2,000 feet of the water line is in the floodplain, the other 1,750 feet of water line is outside of the floodplain.

The City of Moore has considered the following alternative and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. Locations that the water line could be moved and still function properly are all still in the floodplain. The only alternative identified was not replacing the waterline in the Plaza Towers Neighborhood. It is the City of Moore's determination that there is no practicable alternative for the waterline replacement. The water line has reached its age for maximum efficiency and has been damaged by debris from the 2013 tornado. If the current aged water line stays in place, water main breaks and leaks will continue to happen. The City of Moore has reevaluated the alternatives to construct in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/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/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Moore at the following address on or before May 15, 2020: City of Moore, 301 N Broadway Moore, OK 73160 and 405-793-4571, Attention: Kahley Gilbert, Project-Grants Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am through 5:00pm at address stated above and [www.cityofmoore.com](http://www.cityofmoore.com). Comments may also be submitted via email at [cdbg@cityofmoore.com](mailto:cdbg@cityofmoore.com).

Date: May 7, 2020