

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 under HUD grant number B-19-MC-0-0010. The proposed project(s) is located just south of NW 12th Street and north NW 8th Street in between N Janeway and N Gale Avenues, in Moore, Cleveland County. The City of Moore proposes sewer line replacement along Kelley Creek located in between N. Janeway and N. Gale Avenue from NW 12th Street to NW 8th Street in Moore, Oklahoma, Cleveland County. 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). The project location is within a riverine according to the Fish and Wildlife Service-National Wetlands Inventory (NWI). The work includes replacement of 834 linear feet of 8" PVC sanitary sewer pipe, 17 sewer service connections, 170 linear feet of sewer service line, and 6 four foot sanitary sewer manholes. These improvements will not increase the current capacity by more than 20%. These sewer lines have reached the end of their design life and need replaced to prevent breaks and/or leaks. One service line connection will be installed underneath the channel bed by directional boring. The construction will take place outside of the horizontal limits of the 100 year floodplain, in the backyards of the residential properties that line the channel.

The City of Moore has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. It is the City of Moore's determination that there is no practicable alternative for the sewer line replacement. For sewer systems to function properly, the lines have to be placed in locations where gravity can work the flow of the lines. Because of the elevations in the area, the sewer lines must remain in the back yards of the residential properties that back up to the channel. Moving the lines to the front yard, further away from the floodway, would not have the elevations required for a working sewer line system. If the sewer lines are not replaced, because of the age of the lines, the potential for leaks increases substantially.

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 April 21, 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. Comments may also be submitted via email at cdbg@cityofmoore.com.

Date: April 13, 2020