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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 4/23/25: This is to give notice that the City of Daingerfield has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and ERR #(CDV23-0169), is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and the City of Daingerfield will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The City of Daingerfield proposes a Sewer Improvements project to replace approximately nineteen (19) manholes, rehabilitate approximately thirty (30) manholes, and all associated appurtenances throughout the southern portion of the city of Daingerfield, Morris County, Texas. For a map of the project location, contact the city at the address below. The purpose of the project is to reduce inflow and infiltration. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using freeboard value approach (FVA). According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 4804930001B effective date 12/7/1982, the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain has not been mapped for the project aera, but the 1-percent-annual chance floodplain has been mapped for the project area. Therefore, the Freeboard Value Approach (FVA) must be utilized to determine the FFRMS floodplain. As the proposed project does not involve an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great because such flooding might result in a loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property, it is therefore not a critical action. Both the FIRM and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) are insufficiently detailed to determine the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for the project area. Additionally, according to FEMA's Flood Map Change Viewer, preliminary data is available for the proposed project area however, the preliminary floodplain data is also insufficiently detailed to determine the BFE. FEMA's Base Flood Elevation Viewer was used to determine the BFE for the project location or the nearest area with available data. Per 24 CFR 55.7(b)(3) an additional two feet was added to the BFE to determine the FFRMS floodplain. Then United States Geological Survey (USGS) Elevation Point Query Service (EPQS) was used to determine the elevation of the project area. According to this data, the proposed project shall take place within approximately 0.08 acres of the FFRMS floodplain. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) 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 on or before 5/8/25 by the City of Daingerfield at 101 Linda Dr., Daingerfield, TX 75638-2105. Attention: Michellle Jones, City Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the same address. Comments may also be submitted via email to michelle.jones@cityofdaingerfield.com CC:kayce@grantworks.net.