

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain
1665 – 7 Lafreniere Street**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) has determined that the following proposed action under Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and LHC will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within 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 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The project location was determined to not impact wetlands, as the project activities are restricted to the existing project site.

The project is located at 1665-7 Lafreniere Street in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Specifically, the 0.14-acre tract is identified as 'Square 2320 Lot V Lafreniere 50 x 120'. The coordinates of the center of the site are 29.993330 N / -90.07145 W. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.2 percent flood approach. The project includes reconstruction of a duplex in the same footprint as the existing structure to provide two new residential units. A maximum of 0.14 acres of FFRMS floodplain will be potentially impacted.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain 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 project impacts on the floodplain. Second, 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. 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 LHC at the following address on or before October 16th, 2024: Louisiana Housing Corporation, 4000 S Sherwood Forest Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, Attention: Amber Lavergne, Environmental Impact Specialist. Comments may also be submitted via email to alavergne@lhc.la.gov. A full description of the project may be reviewed from 8:00 to 5:00 PM at 4000 S Sherwood Forest Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 and <https://www.lhc.la.gov/public-comments-and-notices>.

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