

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard
Designated Floodplain
725 North Blake Street**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recover (CDBG-DR) funds. The project is located at 725 North Blake Street in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Specifically, 0.19-acre property is legally identified as “COM NE COR BLK 10 NIX ADD S 58 1/2 FT W 86 FT ETC @290908-1330-10 0003 0000-723 N BLAKE ST- COM AT A PT ON THE W/S OF BLAKE ST AND 58 1/2 FT S OF THE NE COR OF BLK 10 OF NIX ADD, TH S ON W/S OF BLAKE ST 33 FT TH W 89 FT ETC”. The coordinates of the center of the site are 30.24687 N / -93.19893 W. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.2 percent flood approach. The project includes reconstruction of a single-family residence in approximately the same footprint as the existing. A maximum of 0.09 acres of FFRMS floodplain will be potentially impacted.

LHC has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain. Alternative site locations outside of the FFRMS floodplain were considered; however, they were not selected as viable alternatives as units are needed in the area, and other sites may require acquisition or additional permitting. The floodplain impact will be minimized by elevating the structure above the base flood elevation and complying with all local and parish building ordinances, thus minimizing flood impacts to human health.

LHC has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 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 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain 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 floodplain, 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 November 21, 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>.

Date: November 14, 2024