

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain
1807 – 1809 Ruth Street**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) Community Development Block Grant "CDBG" Program [B-21-DZ-22-0001 and B-18-DP-22-0001] is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and the 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, 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 proposed project location is 1807 and 1809 Ruth St. in Monroe, Ouachita Parish. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach (FVA). The proposed project consists of new construction of building two (2) duplexes with two (2) units each approximately 31 by 60 feet, and including all necessary earthwork required. This construction is located in the riverine FFRMS floodplain. A 2-foot freeboard is applicable per the FVA; this corresponds to a FFRMS flood elevation of 72.4 feet NAVD88. No historic preservation or wetlands were found near the site.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the 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 a floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Louisiana Housing Corporation at the following address on or before **February 17, 2025** to the Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 and 225-763-8700, Attention: Amber Lavergne, Environmental Impact Specialist. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8am – 4pm at 2415 Quail Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 and www.lhc.la.gov. Comments may also be submitted via email at alavergne@lhc.la.gov.

Date: **January 31, 2025**