

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management
Standard Designated Floodplain
Wellsprings Holly Haven and Domestic Violence Shelters**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC), Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58 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) HOME American Rescue Plan Non-Congregate Shelter (HOME-ARP NCS) funding. The proposed projects are as follows:

Family Homeless Shelter – 305-313 Holly Street Monroe, LA 71202: The project includes the new construction of a family transitional residential shelter that will consist of a single-story structure to encompass approximately 13,500 square feet of interior space. The residential units will consist of 7 studio units that can support up to 3 persons and 8 one-bedroom units that can house up to 5 persons in private quarters as well as bathroom, kitchen, and common living areas. Other facility amenities will include a playroom, family/community room, education/group room, utility room, laundry services, as well as reception and office spaces.

Domestic Violence Shelter – 312-314 Holly Street and 1500-1504 Railroad Avenue Monroe, LA 71202: The proposed project includes the new construction of an 8,500 square foot structure and will be configured with 8 studio apartments (to house 1 adult and 1 child) and 5 one-bedroom units (to house 1 adult and up to 3 children in private quarters). Certain units will be paired to ad-joined to accommodate larger families as needed. Other amenities would include a conference room, computer room, indoor play space, laundry facilities, and up to two offices. Exterior spaces will include a playground and pet areas enclosed by a security fence. Both lots, consisting of approximately 3.35 acres, are located in the FFRMS floodplain. At this time, the lot functions to store storm water during rain events. The lot, while vacant with commonly occurring plant species, does not provide recreational opportunities and does not support unique or critical habitat. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Freeboard Value Approach.

The LHC has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Based on a review of the floodplain elevations in the area, the Base Flood Elevation for the applicable Zone AO 100-year floodplain was determined to be 81.0 feet. To mitigate potential future damage to property, both structures will be elevated to 83.0 feet which is 2 feet above the established Zone AO 100-year floodplain BFE. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 a 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 the 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 a floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received at the following address on or before **April, 20, 2026**: Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-358-5289 ext.1213, Attention: Sue Chin, Environmental Impact Specialist. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8am to 4:30pm at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted via email at Schin@lhc.la.gov.

Date: **April 13, 2026**