

**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

This is to give notice that the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) has determined that the following proposed action, Proposed Renovation and Third Floor Addition – St Jude Community Center utilizing Housing and Homeless Stability Development – Community Block Grant Development and HOME funding is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. 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 400 N Rampart Street in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach. The proposed project consists of the renovation and addition of a new third floor to accommodate 15 residential units of the St Jude Community Center. The proposed renovation of the St. Jude building includes demolition of the existing walls and interior space which will be reconfigured to include offices, restrooms, commercial kitchen, electrical and areas for medical support services including exam rooms, dentistry space, and pharmacy. The roof will be reconfigured to accommodate a full third floor addition that will include 15 units of permanent supportive rental housing. Each unit will be 165 square feet and will include a bed, dresser, and full bathroom. The entire 0.18-acre parcel is located in the FFRMS. The entire project site is developed with the existing structure with no natural areas or habitats. Properties surrounding the proposed project site are also likely located in a FFRMS floodplain.

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. 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 LHC at the following address on or before 07/22/2025 Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 and 225-763-8677 ext.1213, Attention: Dr. Sue Chin, Ph.D., Environmental Impact Specialist 3. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted via email at Schin@lhc.la.gov.

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