

**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), Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action using Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME NOAH 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, 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 locations are as follows: 70424 5th Street, 70299 9th Street, 70497 F Street, and 70344 I Street, Covington, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Only the lot located at 70497 F Street was determined to be located in the FFRMS floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach. The lot will be developed with a raised 3-bedroom and 2-bathroom, single-family residence encompassing approximately 1,645 square feet. The lot will also include the installation of a potable water well and septic system. Ground disturbance activities will include clearing and grading, preparation for sub-surface utilities including installation of a potable water and septic system installation, and foundation installation. The foundation pad will be constructed at approximately 4-6 feet below ground surface (bgs), water wells will be drilled to approximately 290 feet total depth, and the septic tank systems will be installed to approximately 6 feet bgs. The entire lot, 0.17 acre, is 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.

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 floodplains, 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 **March 3, 2025**: Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-763-8700, Attention: Amber Lavergne, 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 ALavergne@lhc.la.gov.

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