

## **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) under 24 CFR Part 58 and HUD under 24 CFR Part 50 has determined that the following proposed action under CDBG-DR PRIME 3 is located in a wetland, and LHC will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in a wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands..

The project is located at 43098 Happywood, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Wildwood Townhomes is the new construction of 55 rental housing units on an approximately 7.76-acre tract of land. The wetlands include 1.21 acres of which 0.36 acres will be preserved and 0.85 acres will be disturbed with fill, concrete and culvert installation.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands 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 wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands 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 wetlands, 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 March 26, 2025: Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, Attention: Kimberly Carter. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00-5:00 at the address above and <https://www.lhc.la.gov/public-comments-and-notice>. Comments may also be submitted via email at [kcarter@lhc.la.gov](mailto:kcarter@lhc.la.gov).

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