

Final Notice and Public Explanation 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 **Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC)** under **24 CFR Part 58** has conducted an evaluation as required by **Executive Order(s) 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 **Louisiana Homeless & Housing Stability: Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing Development Program (HHSD)**. The proposed project is located at **10141 Curran Road in New Orleans, Orleans Parish** and is located in the **Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain**. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using **0.2 percent flood approach**. **The proposed project is the construction of four residential buildings, each containing three three-bedroom townhomes of approximately 1,400 sf and a 1,000 sf community center building. The project is approximately 1.02 acres of undeveloped land and is located in Zone X – 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard.**

LHC has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain: **The project is located in an area that was heavily impacted by disasters in 2020/2021 including Hurricanes Laura and Ida. Those disasters displaced residents in the area. The project will be located on a vacant lot that was previously used for housing. The need for additional affordable housing in the area will be met by completion of this project. No other vacant lots were found in the area to develop for affordable housing, therefore, no alternatives were found.**

LHC has reevaluated alternatives to building in the **floodplain** and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to **floodplain** development. 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 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. 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 the **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 **May 28, 2025**: LHC, 2415 Quail Drive, 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 9 AM – 5 PM at 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 and <https://www.lhc.la.gov>. Comments may also be submitted via email at alavergne@lhc.la.gov.

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