



SAINT LOUIS COUNTY
Human Services

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

Posting Date: September 2nd, 2024

To: All interested Agencies, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Saint Louis County Mo, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Saint Louis County under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 11990, 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 the Community Development Block Grant (Grant #B-23-UC-29-0001). The proposed project(s) is located **6347 PLYMOUTH AVE** in Wellston, Saint Louis County and is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using **freeboard value approach**.

The first project is a Saint Louis County Workforce Development / UAW Workforce Development - EV Automotive Training Program under Grant number: B-23-UC-29-0001 and its purpose is meant to ensure that the unemployed and underemployed residents of Saint Louis County are trained to find middle to high skilled employment in the automotive industry by the purchase and installation of necessary equipment to provide basic automotive training. The first project is meant to focus specifically on promise-zone residents. The second project is meant to provide for minor interior and exterior repairs of the facility to improve its look, function, and extend the life service of the building. Both projects take place in 5.4 acres of the floodplain in Wellston, MO. The FFRMS floodplain is connected to the River Des Peres Floodway that flows through Wellston, MO.

Saint Louis County 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/wetland:

1. The project was considered to take place within the Missouri Jobs Center. However, the location is already in use for several other services including county services for tax assistance and more. Further, the location is too small to accommodate the project. No other alternatives were considered.
2. The project will require that all equipment and services are properly insured

Saint Louis County has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. The project will provide much needed employment training services to Low- to Moderate- Income residents and residents of the promise zone. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 11990, 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.

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There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains 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 about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 by Saint Louis County be received on or before September 10th, 2024, at the following address:

**Saint Louis County's Officer of Community Development,
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Suite 801,
St. Ann, MO 63074.
Attention: Amy Ellis, Division Manager**

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **8am to 4 pm** at 500 Northwest Plaza, Suite 801, St. Ann, MO 63074. Comments may also be submitted via email at AEllis@stlouiscountymo.gov