**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed**

**Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that **the City of Lake Charles, as Responsible Entity under Part 58,** has determined that the following proposed action under the **Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program** and grant number B-21-DZ-22-0001 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain / wetland, and City of Lake Charles will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain / wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain / wetland 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 is located in several areas across Lake Charles, LA, Calcasieu Parish. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach and freeboard value approach (FVA). The City of Lake Charles proposes utilizing CDBG-DR funding for the rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system in Basin A. Proposed work includes rehabilitation of approximately 15,000 linear feet of pipe in existing large-diameter gravity sewer mains in several sub-basins, ranging in size from 15 inches to 46 inches in diameter. Rehabilitation of smaller diameter existing pipes will also occur in sub-basins A-06 (~28,000 LF of 6 – 10 inch pipe), A-02 (~17,500 LF of 8 – 12 inch pipe), and A-09 (~31,000 LF of 6 – 12 inch pipe). Activities will involve trenchless technologies that include cured in place lining (CIPP) and pipe-bursting to rehabilitate existing pipe infrastructure. CIPP involves the insertion and subsequent curing of a felt liner to the host pipe. Pipe-bursting involves the pulling of a bursting head through the host pipe; a new pipeline is connected to the bursting head and is pulled in place. There is no expansion of footprint beyond what is already existing in the project areas. The proposed project areas encompass several acres within the FFRMS floodplain. The project areas currently serve as wastewater infrastructure. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel 22019C0480F, effective on 02/18/2011, the proposed large diameter project site is located in Zones shaded and unshaded X, A, AE, and a floodway. The proposed A 02 project site is located in Zones shaded and unshaded X, and AE, per FIRM panel 22019C0320F, effective on 02/18/2011. The proposed A 06 project site is located in Zones shaded and unshaded X, per FIRM panel 22019C0480F, effective on 02/18/2011. The proposed A 09 project site is located in Zones shaded and unshaded X, A, AE, and a floodway per FIRM panel 22019C0480F, effective on 02/18/2011.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain/wetland 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/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain/wetland. 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/wetland 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/wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Lake Charles at the following address on or before **Wednesday, September 24, 2025: City of Lake Charles, Office of Community Development, Box 900, Lake Charles, LA 70602** and 337-491-1440, Attention: Mark Tizano, Community Development Director. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at 326 Pujo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70602 and [www.cityoflakecharles.com](http://www.cityoflakecharles.com). Comments may also be submitted via email at CommunityDevelopment@cityoflc.us.

Date: September 9, 2025