

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION
OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

5/12/21

City of Floresville, 1120 D Street, Floresville, TX 78114 (830) 393-3105

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements to be undertaken by the City of Floresville

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 5/28/21 the City of Floresville will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2020 Community Development Funds under Section 104(f) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake the project known as Sewer Improvements #7220140 to replace aged and deteriorated manholes, to prevent inflow and infiltration. Construction shall replace 30 manholes, lid encasements, related service reconnections, pavement repair, all associated appurtenances, to include Administration and Engineering costs. Locations: Manholes on the following streets: Plum St. from 1st St. to 3rd St.; 1st St. from A St. to B St.; C St. from 7th St. to 2nd St.; D St. from 8th St. to 1st St.; E St. from 7th St. to 4th St.; and Sunnyside St. from 10th St. to approximately 3,180 LF east of Sunnyside St., Floresville, Wilson County, TX. Grant amount \$275,000, city match of \$55,000 for total estimated project cost \$330,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Floresville has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR), which will be made available to the public for review electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to City of Floresville at the address above, Attention: Mayor's Office or by email to citysecretary@floresvilletx.gov. The ERR can also be accessed online at the following website <https://www.floresvilletx.gov/>.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY
IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that the City of Floresville has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. Approximately 0.04 acres of project activities will be in Zone A of the 100-Year Floodplain.

The City of Floresville has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Relocate the Project: Two of the project locations are already geographically located in the floodplain. These manholes need to be replaced to prevent continued inflow/infiltration into the sewer system. Taking no action would incur no costs for the sewer improvements project and would cause no construction-related environmental impact but would be unable to address the problems caused by the deteriorated manholes in these two locations.

The City of Floresville has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternatives. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the City of Floresville at the address above, Attention: Mayor's Office or by email to citysecretary@floresvilletx.gov. The ERR can also be accessed online at the following website <https://www.floresvilletx.gov/>.

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 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments/objections on the ERR to the City of Floresville. All comments received by 5/27/21 will be considered by the City of Floresville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the City of Floresville at citysecretary@floresvilletx.gov. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the City of Floresville via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Floresville certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) that Cecelia Gonzalez-Dippel, in her capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Floresville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA will accept objections to its release of funds and The City of Floresville' certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of The City of Floresville; (b) The City of Floresville has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Pam Wozniak, Environmental Review Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture, at pamela.wozniak@texasagriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact Pam Wozniak at TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cecelia Gonzalez-Dippel, Mayor