

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **City of Corpus Christi** 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 and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the **Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (GLO Contract No. 20-065-133-C445)**. The proposed project(s) is located **along La Volla Creek at Airport Tributary #1 in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas**, at LAT/LONG 27.7321, -97.4561. The City of Corpus Christi shall construct a **Regional Detention Pond** through the excavation of existing soils including inlet and outlet control structures. The proposed project is completely (100%) in the FEMA preliminary effective 100-year floodplain (FIRM Panel # 0505G); there are no portions of the project in the 500-year floodplain and there are no wetlands affected. The project area is approximately 130-acres. The proposed Detention Pond has a footprint of approximately 96-acres. This footprint includes total excavation and embankment area. The proposed pond will be excavated to a maximum depth of 13 feet below existing grade.

The City of Corpus Christi has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

1. Detention Pond on north side of La Volla Creek
2. Detention Pond on south side of LaVolla Creek
3. Buyout of Impacted Parcels

Detention was identified as the preferred flood mitigation solution over other alternatives evaluated. Alternatives to detention include performing **buyout of the impacted parcels** or downstream channel and cross culvert widening. Buyouts of the impacted parcels were not selected due to the high number of parcels (more than 500) that are impacted with flood risk as well as the stress to property owners caused by the need to relocate. The selected detention pond site on the north side of La Volla Creek was chosen for proximity to both waterways, La Volla Creek and Airport Tributary #1, for maximum placement / sizing of the detention facility, and for maximum flood mitigation / floodplain reduction.

The City of Corpus Christi has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of **Executive Order 11988 and 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.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in **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 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 floodplain it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by **the City of Corpus Christi** at the following address a **minimum 7 calendar days after the publication of this NOTICE**: 1201 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 and 361-826-3500, Attention: **Peter Zanoni, City Manager**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8AM to 5PM at the same address above.

Date: February 4th