

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 Town of Pendleton has determined that the following proposed action under Community Develop Block Grant, CDBG 4-CI-24-008 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetland and The Town of Pendleton will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the Floodplain/Wetland and the potential impacts on the from the proposed action, as required by , as amended by Executive Order 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. The proposed location is the Village Hills Community in Pendleton, Anderson County. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.2 percent flood approach.

The project will address deficiencies with both the Town's water and sewer systems. For the water system, the proposed project will be replacing approximately 6,300 linear feet of water lines. For the sewer system, the proposed project will be replacing/rehabilitating approximately 5,500 linear feet of gravity sewer along with 25 sewer manholes. The existing lines have outlived their useful life. The project area includes Cherry St, Dart Street, Gaillard Street, Harrison Street, Pickney Street, Sarrar Street, and Thomas Street. All work will occur on previously disturbed land in the road right of way. The total number of units is 108. The project involves an area that is partially located in a floodplain/wetland. The project area is located in zone X, areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance of floodplain/wetland and Zone D, areas in which the flood hazards are undetermined, but possible and Zone A, no base flood elevation determined. A small wetland is located on Calhoun Boulevard. The project area is approximately 42 acres. Trenchless technology will be used in the installation of the water and sewer lines via CIPP (Cured in place). Using the CIPP process will not disturbed or harm the floodplain area(s)/wetland.

Floodplains provide a range of valuable ecological functions, including acting as natural flood control mechanisms by storing excess water during floods, filtering pollutants from water, replenishing groundwater, creating diverse wildlife habitats, and offering recreational opportunities like fishing and boating; essentially, they play a vital role in maintaining healthy river ecosystems and mitigating flood damage downstream.

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

Written comments must be received by the Town of Pendleton at the following address on or before March 21, 2025: Town of Pendleton, 310 Greenville St, Pendleton, SC 29670 and 864-646-9409, Attention: Steve Miller, Administrator. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 AM to 5 PM, M-F at 310 Greenville St, Pendleton, SC 29670 and <https://townofpendleton.org/>. Comments may also be submitted via email at stevem@townofpendleton.org.

Date: March 5, 2025