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City Secretary

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated 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 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mitigation (MIT) Program, HUD Grant Number 24-065-091-E767. The proposed project(s) is located at 6541 Greenwood Drive in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas and is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach.

The project involves mitigation to potential flood damages at the existing Greenwood Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The project is being done to allow the plant to maintain integrity of the treatment process during extreme weather events such as hurricanes and tropical storms. The project is in the FFRMS floodplain and portions of the flood mitigation improvements will be in a floodway. Approximately one acre of the floodplain will be temporarily impacted, with approximately 0.1 acre of floodway impacts.

The City of Corpus Christi 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: The project must take place in the floodplain because existing WWTP treatment units are located within the floodplain. The City of Corpus Christi considered that the project is occurring at an existing WWTP, which provides service to 64,336 people. Options considered include Option A, "Greenwood WWTP Flood Mitigation & Backup Generators," and Option B, "No Action Alternative,": Under Option A, "Greenwood WWTP Flood Mitigation & Backup Generators," the City of Corpus Christi would complete the project to mitigate potential flood damages to the Greenwood WWTP and allow the plant to maintain integrity of the treatment process during extreme weather events such as hurricanes and tropical storms. Under this option, mitigation measures are proposed to protect those structures that are most susceptible to flooding inside the plant along with interior drainage system improvements and grading improvements to collect stormwater from the critical areas within the plant that are prone to ponding in and around plant facilities. The major improvements include site grading, piping and floodway improvements; flood walls for identified plant structures; a new effluent pump station (EPS) of firm capacity up to 36 MGD; and miscellaneous improvements. The project also includes tasks that will not occur in the floodplain, including installation of emergency generators, installation of instrumentation and an electrical control system for automatic switching between grid power and emergency generators, and miscellaneous improvements related to emergency generators. Under the "No Action Alternative," the City of Corpus Christi would not complete the flood mitigation improvements to the Greenwood WWTP. The "No Action Alternative" was not selected because the WWTP would continue to experience flooding and potentially impact water quality from sanitary sewer overflows. The flood mitigation improvements will comply with the City of Corpus Christi Flood Hazard Prevention Code.

The City of Corpus Christi has reevaluated alternatives to building in the FFRMS floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, 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 the FFRMS 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 FFRMS 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 FFRMS floodplains, 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 on or before February 24, 2026:

City of Corpus Christi
Mayor's Office
P.O. Box 9277, Corpus Christi, TX 78469
(361) 826-3100
Attn: Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1201 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 and at <https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/corpus-christi-water/cdbg-mitigation-funded-projects/>. Comments may also be submitted via email at Paulette.Guajardo@CorpusChristi.TX.gov.

Date: February 16, 2026