

Early Notice & Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated Floodplain & Wetland

To: All interested Agencies FEMA, TWDB, TCEQ, USACE, Calhoun County, Groups & Individuals of the Community of Port Alto

This is to give notice that Calhoun County has determined that the following proposed action under CDBG MIT Program Contract # 24-065-152-F011 is located in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated Floodplain & Wetland, & Calhoun County will be identifying & evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the FFRMS & Wetland & the potential impacts on the FFRMS & Wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management & Protection of Floodplains & Wetlands. The proposed project locations are within the Pt Alto subdivision of Pt Lavaca, Calhoun Co, TX. Table 1 outlines the project locations & the areas which may be located in the FFRMS floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using freeboard value approach where the USGS 7.5 Min Topo maps as well as the FEMA National Flood Hazard Maps which does not offer base flood elevations. A review of elevations using the USGS TOPO maps as well as the USGS National Map Elevation Point Query Service reflects the elevation at the Area 1 is 10.5 and 9.0 at Area 2. The improvements are functionally dependent.

Project Description: County shall demolish existing culverts, install 12,726 LF of ditch improvements with upgraded culverts (15" to 24"), 7 EA improved & modified outfalls to be improved; & permanent seeding of improved ditches. Activities include possible acquisition of easements. Clearance include administration, acquisition, engineering & environmental activities. Total Approximate Area of Disturbance 12.93 Acres. The purpose of this project is to improve the current drainage outfall & conveyance system of the Subdivision. These improvements will alleviate flooding; will allow for the citizens to remain safe; & their property to not suffer damage or loss in value from being subject to home flooding. Project will benefit 40 persons of which 21 or 52.50% are low moderate income persons.

The following provides a breakdown of project areas located within the floodplain. From the sources cited it is estimated that approximately 12.92 acres of this project may be located in the FFRMS Floodplain.

Table 1 Port Alto Flood & Drainage Project TOTAL APPROXIMATE DISTURBANCE & FLOODPLAIN TABLE									
Location ID/Name	GIS Length (lf)	Width (lf)	Disturbance (acres)	Lat / Long Point (DD)	1% Chance Flood Hazard (acres) Zone AE	1% Chance Flood Hazard (acres) Zone VE	Total 1% Chance Flood Hazard (acres)	.02% Annual Chance Flood Hazard (acres)	Total Flood Impact Acres (All)
AREA 1 – CR 307A - FEMA FLOODMAP PANEL: 1: 48057C0100E eff. date (10/16/2014)									
CPA -D1-Bayshore Dr	165	40	0.15	28.66455, -96.40986			0.00	0.15	0.15
CPA-D1-CR307A (1,2)	2,470	60	3.40	28.66246,-96.41154	0.09		0.09	2.84	2.93
CPA-D1-CR307A (3,4)	4,592	40	4.22	28.66966 , -96.41321			0.00	4.20	4.20
CPA-D1-Curlew St	555	60	0.76	28.66615, -96.40939	0.70		0.70	0.57	1.27
CPA-O1.2 - Outfall	131	10	0.03	28.66421, -96.40948	0.02		0.02	0.01	0.03
CPA-O1.1- Outfall	460	10	0.11	28.66028, -96.41302	0.10		0.10		0.10
CPA-O1.3- Outfall	644	10	0.15	28.66670, -96.40919	0.06		0.06	0.09	0.15
CPA-O1.4- Outfall	262	10	0.06	28.67081, -96.41527		0.05	0.05	0.01	0.06
AREA 2- S. Marshall Johnson- FEMA FLOODMAP PANEL 48239C0575D eff. Date (9/17/2014)									
CPA-D2-So Marshall Johnson Ave (1,2)	2,842	60	3.91	28.64931,-96.41945	1.00		1.00	2.90	3.90
CPA-O2.3- Outfall	254	10	0.06	28.64566, -96.42001	0.06		0.06		0.06
CPA-O2.2- Outfall	102	10	0.02	28.64853, -96.41956	0.02	0.0030	0.03		0.03
CPA-O2.1- Outfall	249	10	0.06	28.65292, -96.41767	0.02		0.02	0.04	0.06
Grand Total	12,726		12.93		2.08	0.02	2.13	10.80	12.92

The areas which may be located within wetlands are outlined below in Table 2.

Table 2 Port Alto Flood & Drainage Project WETLAND IMPACT TABLE								
Name	GIS Length (lf)	Width (lf)	Tot Area of Disturbance (acres)	Lat / Long Point (DD)	E1UBL Total Area of Disturbance (acres)	E1UBLx Total Area of Disturbance (Acres)	R4SBCx Tot Area of Disturbance (Acres)	Total Wetland Impact Acres (All)
AREA 1 – CR 307A								
CPA-D1-CR307A (3,4)	4,592	40	4.22	28.66966 , -96.41321			0.0187	0.0187
CPA-O1.2 - Outfall	131	10	0.03	28.66421, -96.40948		0.0024		0.0024
AREA 2- S. Marshall Johnson								
CPA-D2-So Marshall Johnson Ave (1,2)	2,842	60	3.91	28.64931,-96.41945			0.0272	0.0272
CPA-O2.3- Outfall	254	10	0.06	28.64566, -96.42001			0.0467	0.0467
CPA-O2.1- Outfall	249	10	0.06	28.65292, -96.41767	0.0044			0.0044
TOTALS	8,068		8.28		0.0044	0.0024	0.09	0.0994
WETLAND IMPACT TABLE LEGEND								
E1UBL Estuarine, Subtidal, Unconsolidated Bottom, Subtidal.								
E1UBLx Estuarine, Subtidal, Unconsolidated Bottom, Subtidal, Excavated.								
R4SBCx Riverine, Intermittent, Streambed, Seasonally Flooded, Excavated.								

From the sources cited above it is estimated that approximately 0.0994 acres of this project may be located in the Wetland. All areas are for drainage improvements to ensure the continuous existing natural & beneficial functions of conveyance of flood water within residential areas within a coastal community.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in FFRMS floodplain & wetland & those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns & provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the FFRMS floodplain & wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, & methods to minimize & mitigate project impacts on the FFRMS floodplain & wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information & request for public comment about FFRMS floodplain & wetland can facilitate & enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks & impacts associated with the occupancy & 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 floodplain & wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Calhoun County at the following address on or before June 1, 2026. Comments may be submitted to Calhoun County, 211 S. Ann Street, Suite 301 Port Lavaca, Texas, 77979, Attention Judge Lyssy, Phone 361.553.4600, or email to: vern.lyssy@calhouncotx.org weekdays during the hours of 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. CST A full description of the project may also be reviewed weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. CST at 211 S. Ann Street Suite 301, Port Lavaca, TX 77979. Comments may also be submitted via email at vern.lyssy@calhouncotx.org .

DATE May 15, 2026