

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PATERSON

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Paterson under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 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 and Wetlands Protection. The proposed activity is eligible for funding using CPF grant funds.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 500-year floodplain approach. Data was not available for the preferred method, Climate-Informed Science Approach.

Project Details

Project Name: Habitat for Humanity Scattered Site

Project Summary: The proposed project includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and disposition of four single-family units. All of the addresses are located within the 1st and 4th Wards of the City of Paterson. These units are part of Paterson Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Passaic County Habitat for Humanity's (PCHFH) strategic goal to increase homeownership in the city of Paterson. The units included in this application represent the continuation of work for which Habitat has been awarded multiple HOME grants over the years and applied for HOME grants in 2019 through 2024. There are already many Passaic County Habitat homeowner families living in the immediate vicinity of these properties as well as easy access to downtown Paterson including public services and private businesses, restaurants, and bodegas. Only two locations include an FFRMS Floodplain.

Project Locations:

FFRMS Site 1: 85 N. 1st Street, Paterson, NJ

FFRMS Site 2: 132 N 1st Street, Paterson, NJ

Floodplain Details: For the purpose of this review the entire lot for each location is considered a floodplain. This allows for a thorough review of the project.

FFRMS Site 1: 0.069 acres

FFRMS Site 2: 0.344 acres

Designation: Non-Critical

Grant Information: HOME – M-17-MC-34-0115

The City has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating this project in a floodplain. This is due to:

- 1) the static nature of floodplain
- 2) the lack of available alternative locations
- 3) the high need for affordable housing

This project will comply with all local, state, and federal floodplain procedures.

Floodplains provide a wide range of benefits to the ecosystem and community that include: Flood storage and erosion control; water quality maintenance – reducing sediment loads, filtering nutrients and impurities, and moderating water temperature; biological productivity and habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife; as well as recreational opportunities and open space. Potential impacts to these benefits were weighed and analyzed throughout the 8-Step Decision Making Process and these impacts will either be negligible or more than adequately mitigated against, and in some instances the mitigation measures will improve the capacity of the floodplain over its pre-impact state.

The proposed project is not expected to have any impact on the floodplain. It is suitable for carrying out the mission of the United States Department of Urban Development (HUD) by providing necessary affordable housing to the community. Therefore, the proposed projects will not result in a negative impact to the interests of the surrounding population, the value of the watershed, or the ecological benefits of the floodplain.

The recommendation to proceed with the proposed activities was made based on the fact that no appropriate alternatives were identified, no public comments regarding the floodplain were received, and the proposed actions are to be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal guidelines. In addition, the proposed activities ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the preservation of the natural and beneficial functions and values attributable to on-site floodplain.

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the **floodplain**, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. 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.

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A full description of the project may also be reviewed from Monday-Friday 9am-3pm at the above address or by contacting Director Blake-McLennon at bmclennon@patersonnj.gov or 973-321-1212.

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