

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN, FLOODWAY & WETLAND

To: All interested Agencies USACE, TPWD, EPA, USFS, Groups & Individuals in City of Jasper and Jasper County

This is to give notice that **City of Jasper** has determined that the following proposed action under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") program under contract # 25-143-010-F346 may be located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Floodplain, Floodway & Wetland. City of Jasper will be identifying & evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the FFRMS Floodplain, Floodway & Wetland & the potential impacts on the FFRMS Floodplain, Floodway & Wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Orders 13690, 11988 & 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management & Protection of Wetlands.

PROJECT NAME: City of Jasper DRRP Citywide Sewer Project

The proposed project locations are outlined in Table 1 below

TABLE 1 City of Jasper Citywide Sewer Project Locations Approximate Total Disturbance Table							
<i>Loc ID</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>From /To</i>	<i>Lat/Long</i>	<i>Man-holes</i>	<i>Approx Total Disturbance Length (lf)</i>	<i>Total Disturbance Width (lf)</i>	<i>Approx Total Area of Disturbance (acres)</i>
CJS1	Bevil Loop	Walnut Run lift station along Walnut Run Dr until approx 135' south of E Bay Dr, thence NE to Bevil Loop lift station	30.897767°, -93.983688°	45	4,810	50	5.5
CJS2	Old LP Area / RR	Intersection of Visador St & N Manuel St approx 430' north on N Manuel St, thence NE crossing RR tracks, continuing path eastward along RR tracks, ending at Old LP millsite area	30.923452°, -93.984319°	27	5,150	50	5.9
JCS3	Graham Area	Intersection of E Milam St & Graham St, traveling north on Graham St for approx 240', thence NE to Lela St, traveling east on Lela St, thence South on Neyland St for approx 135'	30.925116°, -93.992422°	28	1,250	50	1.4
Approximate Totals					11,210		12.9

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach from the NFIP FEMA Floodplain Maps and USGS 7.0 Minute TOPO maps.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Jasper shall replace existing 6 in – 16 in sewer lines including: 590 LF- 6 in; 1,820 LF 8 in; 330 LF 10 in; 3,030 LF 12 in; 500 LF 15 in; 4,800 LF 16 and 100 LF w Steel casing 24 in. Work also includes rehab of existing and/or install new manholes along sanitary sewer line, service reconNECTIONS and associated appurtenances. Activities also include rehab lift station connections and/or demolition, pipe bursting, drain crossings at roadways and road bores, and steel casing. Manholes include standard depth and additional depth to 30 lf. Includes possible easement acquisition.

APPROXIMATE TOTAL AREA OF DISTURBANCE: 12.9 acres

PROJECT NEED:

The City of Jasper was critically impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Heavy rainfall resulted in flooding that inundated the wastewater system threatening public health, safety, & welfare. Improvements of the wastewater infrastructure will facilitate proper functioning of City wastewater system components to reduce the impact of potential sewer contamination & system failure during extreme weather events.

Portions of the project area are estimated to be located within the FFRMS, Floodplain, Floodway & Wetland.

FLOODPLAIN:

According to the FFRMS Floodplain FEMA map panels 48241C0240D, Eff 12/17/2010 and 48351C0225D, Eff 9/3/2010, approximately 4.95 acres may be located within the floodplain/ flood hazard area. The portion of the project, which may be located in the floodway, consists of utility lines which are considered by HUD to be functionally dependent improvements. Details are provided in Table 2.

TABLE 2 City of Jasper DRRP Sewer Improvements							
Total Approximate Floodplain Impacts Table							
Loc ID	Street	FEMA Map Panel/ Effective Date	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Disturbance (Acres) Zone A	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Disturbance (Acres) Zone AE	0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Disturbance (Acres) Zone A	Total Approx Floodway (Acres) Zone AE	Total Approx Floodplain Impact (Acres)
CJS1	Bevil Loop/ Walnut Run	48351C0225D eff 11/16/18 48241C0240D eff 12/17/10	2.55	0	0	0	2.55
CJS2	Old LP Area / RR	48351C0225D eff 11/16/18 48241C0240D eff 12/17/10	0	0.72	0.12	1.53	2.37
CJS3	Graham Area	48351C0225D eff 11/16/18 48241C0240D eff 12/17/10	0	0	0.03	0	0.03
Approximate Totals			2.55	0.72	0.15	1.53	4.95

WETLANDS:

According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI), a small portion of the project area is located at or near a wetland. Old LP/RR Area (Proj ID CJS2) wetland impact is estimated to be less than 1/10 acre and consists of PF01/2C (Freshwater Forested/ Shrub Wetland) with an approximate total of 0.08 acres of disturbance. Mitigation is expected to include pipe bursting of existing lines to prevent impact.

Existing natural and beneficial functions include flood water storage and conveyance. The activities will include water quality maintenance and prevention of negative impact to habitat for flora and fauna. Intrinsic values of the floodplain/wetland potential adversely affected by the activity include support for recreational and ongoing daily life in the City of Jasper.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the FFRMS Floodplain, Floodway & 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, Floodway & Wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, & methods to minimize & mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information & request for public comment about FFRMS Floodplain, Floodway & 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, Floodway & Wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by City of Jasper at the following address on or before: December 31, 2025 City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph: 409-384-4651, Attention: Clark McLane, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from weekdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST at 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, Texas, 75951. Comments may also be submitted via email at cmclane@jaspertx.org.

Clark McLane, Mayor
Date: December 15, 2025