EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN

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 DRRP contract # 25-143-011-F347/ B-18-DP-48-0002 may be located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. City of Jasper will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the FFRMS floodplain and the potential impacts on the FFRMS floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Orders 13690, and 11988, 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 Water Improvement Project

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TABLE 1 City of Jasper DRRP Water System Improvements #F347											
Approximate Total Disturbance Table											
Loc ID	Street	From /To	Lat/Long (Centroid)	Total Approx Disturbance Length (If)	Total Disturbance Width (If)	Total Approx Disturbance Area (acres)					
CJW1	Live Oak	Approx 600' north of Willow Dr, Mid-block to Verna/CR126	30.926676, -94.019250°	1,950	45	2.01					
CJW2	Verna/CR126	Live Oak to CR125	30.929211°, -94.023243°	3,000	45	3.1					
CJW3	Denton	Verna to end of Street	30.931824°, -94.020016°	2,200	45	2.27					
CJW4	CR125	CR126 to end of Street	30.926533°, -94.028735°	3,100	45	3.2					
CJW5	CR124	CR126 to FM2800	30.937052°, -94.025027°	5,530	45	5.71					
APPROX	KIMATE TOTALS		15,780		16.29						

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 install piping, fire hydrants and associated appurtenances. Construction includes approx 15,780 LF of 8" PVC water main and tracer wire by slick bore, gate values, tapping sleeves & valves, interconnection with four (4) existing water mains, installation of 31 EA fire hydrants, installation of 24 short side and 9 long side water service transfers, disinfection/ testing.

APPROXIMATE TOTAL AREA OF DISTURBANCE: 16.29 acres.

PROJECT NEED:

The proposed Water activities will reduce the risk of electrical loss in emergency situations & ensure the ongoing operation of the water-treatment system & continued distribution of potable water during power outages. Project will allow City to provide adequate supply of water supply to all citizens.

FLOODPLAIN:

According to the FFRMS Floodplain FEMA map panel 48241C0220D, Eff 12/17/2010, approximately .047 acres are estimated to occur within the 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard area, Zone A. Details are provided in Table 2.

TABLE 2 Approximate Total Floodplain Disturbance Table City of Jasper DRRP Water Improvements								
Loc ID	Street	FEMA Map Panel/ Effective Date	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A (If)	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A Total Approx Disturbance (acres)				
CJW2	Verna/CR126	48241C0220D, eff 12/17/2010	360	0.37				
CJW4	CR125	48241C0220D, eff 12/17/2010	183	0.09				
CJW5	CR124	48241C0210D, eff 12/17/2010 48241C0220D, eff 12/17/2010	10	0.01				
APPROX	KIMATE TOTALS	6	553	0.47				

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 FFRMS & 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 during 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