Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated 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 DRRP contract #24-065-082-E758/ B-18-DP-48-0002 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.

The proposed project is Citywide Sewer System Improvements GLO17-32496-P and is outlined in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1 APPROXIMATE TOTAL DISTURBANCE TABLE PROJECT LOCATION: CITY OF JASPER, JASPER COUNTY, TX 75951											
ID	LOCATION	LAT/ LONG	LENGTH LF	WIDTH LF	TOTAL APPROX DISTURBANCE ACRES	TOTAL MANHOLES					
J2A	ALONG S PEACHTREE AND CHILDERS STREETS	30.91360, -94.00406	1230	10	0.28	4					
J2B	COLLEGE STREET - ALONG PROPERTY EASEMENTS	30.92015, -94.00766	2242	10	0.51	8					
J2C	ALONG WATER STREET	30.91996, -94.00094	n/a	n/a	7.96	11					
J2D	ALONG WILLOW DRIVE	30.92471,- 94.01395	2900	10	0.67	13					
J2E	MANHOLES ALONG SEWER PLANT PROPERTY EASEMENT AND MARVIN HANCOCK DRIVE	N/A	80 SF	100 SF	800 SF	10					
J2F	ALONG N PEACHTREE AND ELEANOR STREETS	30.92684, -94.00562	1800	10	0.41	9					
	APPROXIMATE TOTALS		8,172		9.82	55					

Floodplain /Floodway

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain will be determined using a freeboard value approach which will include analyzing the NFIP FEMA Floodplain maps for Jasper County as well as USGS 7.5 minute TOPO maps.

The City shall install 6-inch, 8-inch, 10-inch, 12-inch and 16-inch sewer lines; rehabilitate and replace manholes; repair pavement; reconnect services; and complete associated appurtenances at location described in Table 1. Some easement acquisition is also required. Sewer installation includes new and replacement of pipe; open cut, directional bore & pipe bursting. Clearance includes acquisition, administration, engineering and environmental activities. The estimated Total Project Disturbance is 9.82 acres.

<u>Project Need:</u> Activities to increase Jasper's resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate long-term risk of disaster-related loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters.

According to the FEMA NFIP Floodplain maps for Jasper a total approximate amount of 4.40 acres may be located within the 1% Annual Chance of flood hazard (Zone AE), the .2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone as well as a regulatory floodway (Table 2).

TABLE 2 FLOODPLAIN DISTURBANCE TABLE											
Proj ID	Location	FEMA FIRM Map Panel / Effective Date	Approx Length (LF)	Approx Total Acres Zone AE FLOODWAY	Approx 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone AE	Approx 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone Total Acres	Approx Total Impact Acres (AII)				
J2a	S Peachtree Cavin to Childers Sewer	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010	1,230	0	0	0	0				
J2b	College to S. Peachtree Sewer	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010	2,242	0	0	0	0				
J2c	Water St. Area	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010, 48241C0240D EFF 12/17/2010, 48351C0225D EFF 11/16/2018		0.02	2.16	1.57	3.75				
J2d	Willow Sewer Project Route	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010	2,900	0.37	0.25	0.03	0.65				
J2e	8 Sewer Plant Manholes from Sewer Plant to SH190	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010	80 SF	0	0	100 SF	100 SF				
J2f	N. Peachtree Sewer from Verna to Olive and 2nd	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010	1,800	0	0	0	0				
Totals			8,172	0.38	2.42	1.6	4.40				

This includes approximately 0.38 acres estimated to be located in the floodway, 2.42 acres estimated to be located within the 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A and 1.6 acres estimated to be located within the 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone. 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 and this project is not considered a critical action activity.

Wetlands

According to USFWS National Wetland Inventory, the project may contain wetlands along J2D Willow Drive, as well as J2E Manhole #6 at Sewer Plant property. The total Wetland Impact is estimated at less than an acre, consisting of PF01/2C (Freshwater Forested/ Shrub Wetland) with an estimated total of 0.06 acres of disturbance. The activities at wetland areas will include pipe bursting and avoidance.

The natural values of the area include residential and some commercial areas where the floodplain and wetland areas provide for management of flood waters resulting from significant weather events.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in 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