

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST  
RELEASE OF FUNDS AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED  
ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND**

March 3, 2026

City of Jasper 465 S. Main Street Jasper, Texas, 75951 Ph. 409-384-4651

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Jasper.

To All Interested Parties Including: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Mitigation Planning Texas Water Development Board, Regional Flood Management Association, Groups & Individuals of Jasper County & the City of Jasper, Tx.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 19, 2026, the City of Jasper will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended to undertake a project known as City of Jasper 2023 Sewer Improvements, for Contract 24-065-082-E758 / B-18-DP-48-002.

CDBG DR Activity MIT: Public Facilities & Improvements- Non -Covered Projects LMI  
Activity Type Sewer Improvements  
Title: Citywide Sewer Improvements Project / GLO # 17-32494-P

<b>TABLE 1 CITY OF JASPER SEWER PROJECT APPROXIMATE TOTAL AREA IMPACT TABLE</b>					
<b>MAP PROJ ID</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>LENGTH LF</b>	<b>WIDTH LF</b>	<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>LAT/LONG</b>
J2A	Along S Peachtree Cavin to Childers Streets	1,230	5	0.14	30.91360, -94.00406
J2B	College Streets along property easements to S Peachtree	2,592	5	0.30	30.92015, -94.00766
J2C	Various Locations Along Water Street Area	N/A	N/A	4.30	30.91996, -94.00094
J2D	Along Willow Drive	2,800	5	0.32	30.92471, -94.01395
J2E	8 Manholes WWTP Property Easement /Marvin Hancock to SH Hwy 190	N/A	N/A	0.02	30.91090, -94.00817
J2F	Along N Peachtree from Verna to Olive and 2nd Street	1,800	5	0.21	30.92684, -94.00562
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,422</b>		<b>5.29</b>	

**Project Description**

The City of Jasper shall acquire land; install sewer lines; rehabilitate & replace manholes; repair pavement; reconnect services; & complete associated appurtenances at all locations. Some easement acquisition is also required. Sewer installation includes new & replacement of pipe employing open cut & pipe bursting methods. In addition, project includes the rehabilitation of existing manholes & the removal & replacement of manhole section & tops as needed. Clearance includes acquisition, administration, engineering & environmental activities. Approx Total Area of Impact: 5.29 acres.

**Project Need**

Activities to increase its resilience to disasters & reduce or eliminate long-term risk of disaster-related loss of life, injury, damage to & loss of property, & suffering & hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters. This project shall benefit 7,583 persons of which 4,664 or 61.51% are low to moderate income persons.

CDBG MIT GRANT AMOUNT: \$ 3,974,000 HUD MID- DETCOG  
Sewer Project Construction: \$ 3,010,203.58 + Acquisition: 60,500.00 = Total Sewer Project: \$ 3,070,703.58.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

City of Jasper has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph. 409-384-4651, email: [cmclane@jaspertx.org](mailto:cmclane@jaspertx.org) where the ERR can be examined & is available for review and/ or copied weekdays during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CST.

**In addition, ERR can be accessed electronically at**

**<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/g6erohm7ptqw2mnwj7rt/JasperSewerImprovementsContract24065082E758-EA.pdf?rlkey=9we56v8yepadxqdsb651mdx9&dl=0>**

**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A  
FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD (FFRMS) FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND**

This is to give notice that City of Jasper has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and EO 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management & Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program contract #24-065-082-E758 for a project identified as sewer improvements in the City of Jasper, TX. The purpose of the project is to increase the City of Jasper’s resilience to disasters & reduce or eliminate long-term risk of disaster-related loss of life, injury, damage to & loss of property, & suffering & hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters. The Project description is outlined above. Total construction impact is identified as 5.29 acres. The proposed project locations are outlined in Table 1 above.

**Floodplain**

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined by using the freeboard value approach which utilized the FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) floodplain maps as well as the current USGS 7.5 Minute TOPO maps to confirm elevations in and around surrounding areas where construction is planned.

<b>TABLE 2 CITY OF JASPER SEWER PROJECT FFRMS FLOODPLAIN IMPACT TABLE</b>						
<b>ID</b>	<b>Name/ Description</b>	<b>FEMA Panel/ Effective Date</b>	<b>Floodway Zone AE</b>	<b>Zone AE 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard</b>	<b>Zone AE 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard</b>	<b>APPROX ACRES TOTALS</b>
J2C	Water Street Area	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/10, 48241C0240D EFF 12/17/10, 48351C0225D EFF 11/16/18	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.10
J2D	Willow Drive Route	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010	0.176	0.13	0.01	0.31
J2E	Manholes from Sewer Plant to SH190	48241C0220D EFF 12/17/2010	0	0	100 SF	100 SF
<b>Totals</b>			<b>.18</b>	<b>.18</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.41</b>

According to the Floodplain FEMA map panels cited in Table 2 above, a portion of the project estimated at 0.18 acre is located in the Zone AE Floodway, 0.18 acre is located in the Zone AE 1% chance flood hazard, and 0.05 acre is located in Zone AE 0.2% annual chance flood hazard; for a total possible impact of 0.41 acre.

**Wetlands**

According to USFWS National Wetland Inventory, two project sites are located within Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland. These include 1) ID J2d Willow Drive (30.92471, -94.01395) which includes pipe bursting along approximately 2800 lf (or .31 acre) at Coon Creek, and 2) one manhole (ID J2E Manhole 6) located at the wastewater treatment plant on S Marvin Hancock Drive. These activities fall under the USACE Nationwide Permit 58 meeting the threshold of less than 1/2-acre impact & little to no discharge resulting of less than 1/10-acre impact.

Natural & beneficial values of the floodplain & wetland areas of the project include flood controls for residential & commercial development areas located within the City of Jasper. Existing natural & beneficial functions include water management & conveyance to prevent flooding where the intrinsic values include residential, recreational, educational & cultural. The construction will employ measures to prevent impact to floodplains & wetlands within the area.

The City of Jasper has considered the following alternatives & mitigation measures to be taken in order to minimize adverse impacts & to restore & preserve natural & beneficial functions & intrinsic values of the existing FFRMS floodplain, & wetland.

## ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Move the Project areas outside the current sewer pipe locations.  
It is not practicable or feasible to move the project activities out of the current locations. These areas have been identified as the sewer lines and components that must be repaired in place. To install new lines in areas outside of the floodplain would be cost prohibitive as it would require acquisition of additional easements and construction in areas that are not reasonable or feasible.
- B. Use another form of construction or planning for sewer improvements. Another form of construction has been considered. However, the use of the specific wastewater management structures and construction methods identified in this project results from studies conducted by the engineer to determine best fit solutions. The project uses alternative methods of construction by employing pipe bursting and directional bore for replacement sewer lines at Willow Drive where negative environmental impacts are prevented through these alternative construction methods.
- C. Construction within the existing areas is necessary to improve wastewater services in the City of Jasper, TX as it ensures human health and the environment.

No Action Alternative: Not conducting these activities would not preserve human health and the environment as sewer stoppages would continue to threaten area residents and communities and would not provide sufficient controls to ensure wastewater treatment that is protective of human health and the environment.

MITIGATION: City of Jasper will address the environmental circumstances of the project areas by implementing the following mitigation measures & best management practices during the construction of this project.

### Floodplain:

The proposed project will be under the guidance of using Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction by implementing silt fencing to prevent erosion & restoring the disrupted soils to its natural contours & appearance and to preserve the surrounding terrain in the floodplain. Contractor will include appropriate grades to ensure proper drainage & will be advised to keep within the compliance of State & local floodplain protection procedures.

### Wetlands:

Mitigation includes impact avoidance which can be accomplished by employing pipe bursting and directional bore at the existing sewer line replacements and appurtenances. The project must follow requirements and mitigation identified within Nationwide Permit 58 - Utility Line Activities for Water and Other Substances Effective Date: March 15, 2021; Expiration Date: March 14, 2026 (NWP Final Notice, 86 FR 2744). Some general requirements include the use of BMPs during construction to preserve area natural values associated with development. This includes the use of BMPs to prevent erosion through silt fencing and to return the area to preconstruction conditions.

### Endangered Species:

Judicious use & placement of sediment control fence to exclude wildlife from the construction area. Where possible, Contractor shall use no-till drilling, hydromulching and/or hydroseeding rather than erosion control blankets or mats to reduce risk to wildlife.

Federal Law: Migratory Bird Treaty Act: Site(s) review for nests prior to construction to avoid disturbance from a minimum zone of 100 meters surrounding any raptor nest Feb 1 - July 15 or min. zone of 25' for other bird nests from March 1 - June 30. If any nests are discovered in vegetation or bare ground of occupied nests, Contractor will avoid disturbance until the eggs have hatched & the young have fledged. Construction may continue on other areas of the project site.

State Law: Parks and Wildlife Code: Site(s) review prior to & during construction will ensure no wildlife species are located within the construction area & action will be taken to avoid impact if found. Notification of TPWD will occur if endangered species are found or if further assistance is necessary to clear an area. In general, the species will be permitted to leave the sight without disturbance. Where possible, construction will avoid clearing during the height of nesting season & in general will avoid wildlife impact.

It is important to review the area prior to & during construction and to close any open trenches during construction in order to prevent unintended capture of wildlife. If turtles are encountered during construction, move them away from construction by pointing them in the direction they were found to help them leave the area. If required, vegetation clearing should be kept to a minimum. In any event, if construction workers identify or encounter threatened or endangered species during construction, they should cease construction immediately & contact Texas Parks & Wildlife for further direction.

#### Hazardous Materials & Contamination:

Two active LPST locations near project activities require mitigation. Site specific mitigation includes the following:

1) Sunshine Grocery RN #102016904 LPST #118735 located at 711 W. Houston St. Located approximately 80'-100' lf west from the closest Project Site Area of ID J2B College Street to South Peachtree Street

- Provide documentation regarding the location of this LPST site including cleanup status to construction workers . This includes communicating the ongoing City monitoring status for Sunshine Grocery at Monitoring site
- It is recommended that pipe bursting and directional bore be used for this construction location.
- Where new lines are installed, instruct construction workers that, if during construction, any gasoline or naphthalene odors are present from the ground or if they see any signs of stained soils to stop construction immediately & contact management and ultimately TGLO for further directions.

2) Town & Country Exxon RN#102008323 LPST #122106 located at 401 W. Houston St. Spill discovered 9/16/2025 and reported to TCEQ on 9/17/2025. Site is approximately 367' from the which construction site include Loc ID J2C at Water Street project area. Due to recent discovery, the following is recommended.

- Provide documentation regarding the location of this LPST site including cleanup status for Town & Country Exxon to workers.
- It is recommended that pipe bursting and directional bore be used for this construction location.
- Where new lines are installed, instruct construction workers that, if during construction, any gasoline or naphthalene odors are present from the ground or if they see any signs of stained soils to stop construction immediately and contact management and ultimately TGLO for further directions.

#### Historic Preservation:

##### **Above-Ground Resources**

No historic properties are present or affected by the project as proposed. However, if historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are found, work should cease in the immediate area. Construction activities can continue where no historic properties are present. Please contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512-463 -5853 to consult on further actions that may be necessary to protect historic properties.

##### **Archeology Comments**

No historic properties affected by the project as proposed. However, if cultural materials are encountered during construction or disturbance activities, work should cease in the immediate area. Construction activities can continue where no cultural materials are present. Please contact the THC's Archeology Division at 512-463 -6096 to consult on further actions that may be necessary to protect the cultural remains.

All of the above BMPs and mitigation measures will ensure consistency with applicable state & local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

City of Jasper has reevaluated alternatives to building in the Floodplain & Wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain/wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11990 and 11988 as amended by Executive Order 11990, are available for public inspection, review & copy upon request at the times & location delineated in the of this notice for receipt of FFRMS comments.

This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: Mitigation will include the use of best management practices such as berming & erosion control to prevent impact to the FFRMS floodplain & wetland as well as other natural & beneficial uses.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in Floodplain & Wetland and 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comments about 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 Floodplain & Wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR DOCUMENT to City of Jasper City Hall, 465 S. Main Street Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph. 409-384-4651 ATTN: Clark McLane, Mayor Email: [cmclane@jaspertx.org](mailto:cmclane@jaspertx.org). All comments received during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CST by March 18, 2026, will be considered by the City of Jasper prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

Written comments regarding the Final Floodplain Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland must be received by the City of Jasper at the following address on or before on or before March 18, 2026. Comments may be submitted to City Hall Attention: Clark McLane, Mayor, City of Jasper 465 S. Main Street Jasper, Texas, 75951, 409-384-4651 weekdays during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CST. Comments may also be submitted via email to [cmclane@jaspertx.org](mailto:cmclane@jaspertx.org)

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

City of Jasper certifies to **TGLO** that Clark McLane, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process & that these responsibilities have been satisfied. **TGLO** approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA & related laws & authorities & allows City of Jasper to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**TGLO** will accept objections to its release of funds & the City of Jasper's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Jasper, (b) City of Jasper has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) City of Jasper or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by **TGLO** or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared & submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) & shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, [env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov) . Potential objectors should contact TGLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Clark McLane, Mayor