

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals on 4/20/26:

This is to give notice that Jim Wells County under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the HOME Investment Partnership Program, HOME Reservation Number 2023-0034, Contract Numbers 1003531, 1003532, and 1003533, is located in the floodplain and Jim Wells County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. HOME is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to support the development of safe, decent, and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. Under this program, funds are used for activities such as rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of single-family homes. The table below identifies the project locations proposed by Jim Wells County for improvement within the floodplain. It summarizes key site-specific data, including the floodplain designation used to define the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, the site elevation, and the estimated acreage of each site located within the floodplain.

Project Locations and Floodplain Determination Table			
Address:	Floodplain Data Used (including flood zone):	Site Elevation:	Acreage within Floodplain:
430 McMasters Rd, Alice, Texas 78332	0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain (Zone X)	214.5	.25
1953 Zamora St, Alice, Texas 78332	0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain (Zone X)	217 feet	.25

Therefore, the proposed project is within approximately .5 acres of floodplain in total.

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 project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comments about floodplain 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 floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Jim Wells County at the following address on or before 5/6/26: Jim Wells County, 200 N Almond St, Alice, TX 78332 and 361-668-5706, Attention: Pedro Trevino Jr, County Judge. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 am – 4 pm at the same address above and at www.co.jim-wells.tx.us. Comments may also be submitted via email at judge@co.jim-wells.tx.us CC: Lindsay Smith, lindsay.smith@grantworks.net, 2201 Northland Drive, Austin, Texas 78756.