

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a
Proposed Activity in a 100-Year/500-year Floodplain
CDBG-CV (Care's Act)**

January 19, 2022

To: All interested Agencies; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Tarrant County, City of Everman, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **Tarrant County under Part 58** has conducted an evaluation as required by **Executive Order 11988**, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the **Community Development Block Grant – Care's Act** under **HUD grant B-20-UW-48-0001** located in Everman, TX.

CITY OF EVERMAN, Clyde Pittman Park at the northwest side of the city, 301 N. Race St, Everman, TX 76140: Park improvements in the City of Everman using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds under the Community Development Block Grant program is currently being reviewed. The park infrastructure proposed is to install inclusive playground structures and ADA improvements within Clyde Pittman Park at the northwest side of the city, 301 N. Race St, Everman, TX 76140. Playground structures will be installed to the south side of the existing 2 pavilions to allow for improved social distancing welcoming all citizens of Everman. The project will be within approximately 0.40 acres, 100% in shaded Zone AE floodplain. FEMA Map no. 48439C0320L (effective 3/21/2019).

Tarrant County, Texas has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

- (i) Existing park infrastructure already exists in developed residential areas where the floodplain exists.
- (ii) Alternatives considered and reasons for non-selection: (a) Modify the projects to avoid the floodplain, (b) locate the project outside of the floodplain, (c) reject the project and make no improvements. The park exists in a large area of floodplain. Playground structures cannot be moved outside of the floodplain due to logistics and practical design. Considering all infrastructure is existing, to make

- no change would not provide accessible playground equipment for all persons, especially for persons with disabilities.
- (iii) All mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions will be reflected in the construction contract. Erosion control, avoiding or replanting any habitat for flora and fauna and retaining flood values of the floodplain will be enforced. Tarrant County, TX acknowledges compliance with state and local floodplain protection procedures and will adhere to all federal and state rules to comply.

Tarrant County, Texas has reevaluated the alternatives to adding structures in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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

Written comments must be received by Tarrant County, Texas at the following address on or before January 28, 2022 to James A. McClinton, Director of Tarrant County Community Development and Housing, 2501 Parkview Drive, Suite 420, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and (817) 850-7940. Attention: James A. McClinton, Director of Tarrant County Community Development and Housing. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am to 5:00 pm at 2501 Parkview Drive, Suite 420, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Comments may also be submitted via email at sau@tarrantcounty.com

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