



# Texas General Land Office

## PUBLIC NOTICE

*Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.*

### **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Floodplain or Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

Date of publication: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

This is to give notice that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-Disaster Recovery (DR) Program and HUD Grant Number B-18-DP-48-0002 (GLO Contract # 24-064-000-E151) is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetlands. As such, the GLO will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands and the potential impacts on the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project is located along the downstream section of Cypress Creek near Kuykendahl Road and Interstate Highway (IH) 45 in northwest Harris County.

The proposed action (HCFCD K100-00-00-X114/K500-31-00-E001) will improve the stormwater conveyance in the main stem of Cypress Creek through construction of channel benches along approximately 3,000 linear feet near Kuykendahl Road and 4,300 linear feet near IH-45. The proposed action will also increase stormwater detention volume with the construction of a wet bottom stormwater detention basin with 147 acre-feet of detention capacity near Kuykendahl Road and construction of a dry bottom stormwater detention basin with 538 acre-feet of detention capacity near IH-45. Based on the effective FEMA FIRMs, approximately 85.2 acres of the project site are in the Regulatory Floodway, 44 acres are in the 100-Year Floodplain, 3.2 acres are in the 500-Year Floodplain, and 5.6 acres are outside of the floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 500-year flood approach, totaling 132.4 acres in the FFRMS floodplain. The proposed action includes 0.35 acres of wetland impacts. The impacted wetlands provide no recreational, educational, scientific, cultural, or historic value beyond flood risk reduction. The proposed action is needed to alleviate flooding within the Cypress Creek watershed and to remove the 100-year floodplain from approximately 84 structures and reduce flooding impacts from approximately 480 structures identified in the flood hazard area.



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There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands 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 FFRMS floodplain and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about FFRMS floodplains and wetlands 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 FFRMS floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by GLO at the following address on or before June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16th day after the publication:

Texas General Land Office

Community Development & Revitalization (CDR) Division

PO Box 12873, Austin TX 78711-2873

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ATTN: David Camarena, Director of Environmental Oversight

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M at the address above and at:

(<https://www.hcfd.org/Activity/Projects/Cypress-Creek/CI-012-Major-Maintenance-of-Cypress-Creek-and-Tributaries>). Comments may also be submitted via email at [env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov).