

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Allegheny County has conducted an evaluation required by Executive Orders 11988 and 1190, 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 HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

FY23 East Deer Township Demolition – 108 Meadow Ave:

This project involves the demolition of the structure located at 108 Meadow Ave Creighton PA 15030 (Lot/Block Number: 959-H-23). The building is a one-story masonry and frame structure with a crawlspace basement. The building is in poor physical condition. This action involves less than one acre located in a 100-year floodplain A Zone (area of special flood hazard without base flood elevation or depth) per FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 42003C0235H, effective 9/26/2014.

Allegheny County 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) The following alternatives were considered:

Alternative 1 No Action: A no action alternative was considered and rejected because the structure will continue to deteriorate and be a threat to health and human safety. Alternative 2 Undertake at Jurisdiction's Expense: Because of limited local funds, undertaking this activity with local funds would unduly slow the process of addressing slum and blight. Alternative 3 Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain: Alternative sites were not considered because of the specific nature and location of the problem.

(ii) Mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts include: No adverse impacts are expected; however, care will be taken in on-site storage of equipment and materials to prevent problems if flooding occurs during project work.

The County has reevaluated the alternatives and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to undertaking the proposed demolitions in the floodplain. This is due to: 1) The site-specific nature of the project; 2) The need to construct an economically feasible project; and 3) The ability to mitigate and minimize impacts on human health, public property, and floodplain values. 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 locations 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 Allegheny County at the following address on or before Friday, April 5, 2024: Allegheny County Economic Development, Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500 Pittsburgh, PA 15219, Attention: Jim Johnston, Operations Manager or by email at jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm at the same address stated above.