

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Allegheny County has determined that the following proposed actions under the Community Project Funding (CPF) Program are located in the FFRMS floodplain, and Allegheny County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the actions in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed actions, 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 Protection of Wetlands.

Critical Parking for Downtown McKees Rocks Developments: This project proposes the acquisition of the property located 426 Locust St, McKees Rocks, the demolition of the two commercial structures located on the property, the development of a new parking lot, and related improvements. The project involves less than one acre located in an FFRMS floodplain. 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 impacts. 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 August 30, 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.