

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN & FLOODWAY

To: All interested Agencies USACE, TPWD, EPA, USFS, Groups & Individuals in City of Kirbyville and Jasper County

This is to give notice that **City of Kirbyville** has determined that the following proposed action under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Mitigation ("CDBG-DRRP") program under contract # 25-143-013-F349 may be located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Floodplain & Floodway. City of Kirbyville will be identifying & evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the FFRMS Floodplain & Floodway & the potential impacts on the FFRMS Floodplain & Floodway from the proposed action, as required by Executive Orders 13690 and 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management & Protection of Wetlands.

Project Name: City of Kirbyville DRRP Citywide Sewer Project

The proposed project locations are outlined in Table 1 below

<i>Loc ID</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>From /To</i>	<i>Lat / Long</i>	<i>Manholes</i>	<i>Generators</i>	<i>Approx Total Disturbance Length (LF)</i>	<i>Total Disturbance Width</i>	<i>Total Area of Disturbance (acres)</i>
K1L	Fair Street	From So Elizabeth St, from Fair St heading south for approx 129'	30.645322, -93.892630	2	0	280	45	0.29
K2L	West Harris St	North Florence heading eastward to North Lelie.	30.925116, -93.992422	3	0	680	45	0.70
K3L	East Lavielle St	Between South Kellie Av & North Kaysee Av.	30.659636, -93.891015	2	0	340	45	0.35
K4L	West Woodland St	Intersection of HWY252 & W Woodland St continuing east approx 319 feet.	30.666594, -93.904298	5	0	1,600	45	1.65
K5L	Georgetown Loop	Intersection of Georgetown Loop & Heritage Road heading south approx 80'	30.923452, -93.984319	2	0	100	45	0.10
K6L	West Stringer St	Heading eastward approx 280 ft intersection w/ No Margaret Av.	30.66553, -93.89435	1	0	280	45	0.29
K7LS	County Road Lift Station	CR 404 approx 884' so of intersection w/ W Martin Luther King St.	30.659143, -93.919999	1	1	30	30	0.02
K8LS	Pine Street Lift Station	End of E Pine St approx 774' from intersection of E Pine St & S Elizabeth St.	30.650742, -93.890727	1	1	30	30	0.02
K9LS	Carwash Lift Station	U.S. HWY96 approx 817' from the intersection of Chambers Road.	30.636774, -93.900871	1	1	30	30	0.02
K10LS	Old 8 Lift Station	No Herndon St approx 1,202' north of intersection w/ W Woodland St.	30.669022, -93.907097	1	1	30	30	0.02
K11LS	Boatner's Lift Station	On W Martin Luther King St approx 1,042' W of intersection with CR 404.	30.661634, -93.923311	1	1	30	30	0.02
K12LS	Lawndale Lift Station	Approx 78' east beyond the end of Lawndale St.	30.661377, -93.909281	1	1	30	30	0.02
K13LS	Washington Lift Station	172' W of the intersection 2nd Av & Hebo St.	30.648514, -93.903677	1	1	30	30	0.02
TOTALS				22	7	3,490		3.53

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach.

Project Description City shall replace approx. 3490 linear feet of sewer collection lines, 22 EA manholes, reconnections & improve 7 lift stations. Rehabilitation of lift stations includes replacing existing electrical, pumps, header piping; plus will be removing and replacing wet well and installation/replace fencing if needed. Installation of backup generators at each lift station. Additionally, project includes trench safety, 60 Lf of road bore & utility relocation as needed. Purchase of 5 permanent easements, plus temporary easements as needed. This is a Critical action project. Clearance includes Acquisition, Engineering, Environmental and Administration activities. Total Approximate Area of Disturbance 3.53 Acres.

Project Need: City was critically impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Heavy rainfall resulted in flooding that inundated the wastewater system; threatening public health, safety, & welfare. Improvements to the wastewater infrastructure will ensure proper functioning of critical wastewater system components to reduce the impact of sewer contamination and system failure.

According to the FEMA NFHL Floodplain map panel 48351C0400D, eff. 11/16/2018, total estimated floodplain impact is estimated at 0.41 acres. A breakdown of this includes two locations: West Stringer - Loc ID K6L and County Road Lift Station - Loc ID K7LS. The project sewer line at West Stringer (Loc ID K6L) is estimated at 0.25 acres of 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard area where a small portion (0.14 acres) extends into an area defined as Floodway. Considering the location is not identified as a principal utility line, this is not considered critical action and is considered as functionally dependent use. County Road Lift Station Loc ID K7LS reflects estimated to be 0.02 acres of 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A impact. See Table 2.

Table 2. Sewer Improvements #F349 Approx Total Disturbance Floodplain Impacts							
Loc ID	Street	FEMA Map Panel/ Effective Date	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A (lf)	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A (acres)	Floodway Disturbance Area (lf)	Floodway Disturbance Area (Acres)	Total FP Impact Acres (All)
K6L	West Stringer St	48351C0400D, eff. 11/16/2018	243.26	0.25	133	0.14	0.39
K7LS	County Road Lift Station	48351C0400D, eff. 11/16/2018	30.00	0.02		N/A	0.02
TOTALS			273.26	0.27		0.14	0.41

The existing natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain in this area is for conveyance and management of water during significant rain events in the area. Intrinsic values would include recreation and historic/cultural as the drainage manages water to Trout Creek.

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

Written comments must be received by City of Kirbyville at the following address on or before January 2, 2026: City of Kirbyville, 107 S. Elizabeth, Kirbyville, TX, 75956, Ph: 409-423-6191, Attention: Frank George, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from weekdays from 7:30 AM through 5:30 PM (Fridays: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) at 107 S. Elizabeth, Kirbyville, TX, 75956. Comments may also be submitted via email at flgeorge50@gmail.com.

Frank George, Mayor
Date: December 17, 2025