

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS – AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE FFRMS FLOODPLAIN

Date of Notice: 5/28/25

City of Bremond, 201 S. Dallas, PO Box E, Bremond, TX 76629,

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Bremond.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 6/13/25 the City of Bremond will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended to undertake a project known as Bremond 24-065-069-E600 - Sewer and Water Improvements. The City proposes to install power generators with pads and complete all associated appurtenances including utility relocation as necessary, security fencing, electrical control panels and posts, and automatic transfer switches at lift stations and water wells. Construction will take place at the following locations in Bremond, Robertson County, TX:

Facility Description	Project Location	Approximate Lat/ Long
Duval/Austin Street Lift Station	Approximately 375' west of the intersection of Duval Street and Farm to Market 14	31.17281, -96.67580
North Anderson Street Lift Station	Approximately 56' south of the intersection of North Anderson Street and Farm to Market 2954	31.17103, -96.66962
San Antonio Street/Housing Authority Lift Station	Approximately 779' southwest of East Colorado Street traveling through property easement	31.16063, -96.67615
FM 1373 Lift Station	Near the intersection of Farm to Market 1373 and Carter Road	31.15841, -96.68467°
Facility Description	Project Location	Approximate Lat/ Long
Shallow Creek Road Water Well	Approximately 1056' north of the intersection of Shallow Creek Road and Farm to Market 2293	31.16548, -96.65523
Schubyrch-Antis Road Water Well	Approximately 1056' south from the intersection of Farm to Market 2293 and Schubyrch-Antis Road	31.15886, -96.65292

To request a map of the project area, contact the City at the address, phone number, or email address below. The City of Bremond has been awarded \$500,000.00 in grant funds and shall contribute \$0.00 in match funds. Total project cost is \$500,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Bremond has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Bremond City Hall, 201 S. Dallas, Bremond, Texas 76629 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Debbie Zan, City Secretary via email cityofbremond@gmail.com or by phone at (254) 746-7730.

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 5/28/25: This is to give notice that the City of Bremond has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 Program and administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) ERR #(24-065-069-E600). The City proposes to install power generators with pads and complete all associated appurtenances including utility relocation as necessary, security fencing, electrical control panels and posts, and automatic transfer switches at lift stations and water wells. Construction will take place at four lift stations and two water wells located through the city of Bremond, Robertson County, Texas. However, only the Duval/Austin St. lift station located approximately 375 ft west of the intersection of Duval Street and Farm to Market 14 and the Shallow Creek Rd. water well located Approximately 105 ft north of the intersection of Shallow Creek Road and Farm to Market 2293 are located within the FFRMS floodplain. The purpose of the project is to allow utilities to continue to function during power outages eliminating a threat to public health and safety. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach (FVA). According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 48395C0125C effective date 7/18/2011, the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain has not been mapped for the project area, but the 1-percent-annual chance floodplain (1% PFA) has been mapped for the project area. As the proposed project involves an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great because such flooding might result in a loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property, it is therefore a critical action. Neither the FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS) nor the FIRM provide the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for the 1%PFA. However, the FEMA's Estimated BFE Viewer offers BFE estimates for either the project location or the nearest area with available data. Per 24 CFR 55.7(c)(2) an additional three feet was added to the base flood elevation to determine the FFRMS floodplain. United States Geological Survey (USGS) Elevation Point Query Service (EPQS) was utilized to determine the project's elevation. According to this data, the proposed project is within approximately 0.003 acres of the FFRMS Floodplain. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. The City of Bremond has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain: locations outside and not affecting the FFRMS floodplain, alternative methods to serve the identical project objective, and a determination not to approve any action proposing the occupancy or modification of a floodplain. The practicability of alternatives considered the natural, social, and economic values of each alternative. The alternatives considered were not chosen because they would fail to address the projects goals of increasing resiliency to future flooding and serve weather event, would be economically prohibitive, and would allow health, safety, and environmental violations to persist. The City of Bremond has reevaluated the alternatives and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed project in the FFRMS floodplain. The proposed project must be located within the floodplain due to the necessity of aligning with existing infrastructure and to meet critical service requirements for the surrounding community. The best action is to proceed with the project as planned utilizing the following mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and values of the FFRMS floodplain:

- Generators, electrical components, and any other aspect of the project that if inundated with water would render it inoperable to be installed at Duval/ Austin St. Lift Station and Shallow Creek Rd. Water Well must be floodproofed or elevated to the FFRMS floodplain and the standards set forth in 24 CFR 55.20(e)(1)(ii)
- The required elevation for Duval/ Austin St. Lift Station and Shallow Creek Rd. Water Well generators must be documented on an Elevation Certificate or a Floodproofing Certificate and provided to the City to include in the Environmental Review Record prior to construction
- The project shall meet any applicable, additional local floodplain requirements set forth by the community's Floodplain Administrator prior to construction.
- All state, local, and NFIP floodplain protection procedures will be followed. Including manhole elevation/floodproofing as necessary.
- The consulting engineer shall take into consideration additional specifications to minimize damage to and/or restore the native plant species.
- The project shall be implemented using best management practices designed to protect improvements from flood damage.

Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request during regular business hours at the City Hall. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) 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; (2) 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; and (3) 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Mayor, City of Bremond, 201 S. Dallas, Bremond, TX 76629. Comments may also be submitted via email to cityofbremond@gmail.com or by phone at (254) 746-7730. All comments received by 6/12/25 will be considered by the City of Bremond prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Bremond certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Melissa Wilganowski in their capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Texas General Land Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Bremond to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas General Land Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Bremond's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Bremond approved by the Texas General Land Office (b) the City of Bremond has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Texas General Land Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, the Texas General Land Office – Community Development and Revitalization at P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873, env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Texas General Land Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Melissa Wilganowski, Mayor