The Big Sandy ADD has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) funding through the Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to, and to provide a public notice of, any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Applicant:** City of Wayland, Floyd County, Big Sandy ADD

**Project Title:** Wayland Acquisition Project

**Location of Proposed Work:**

*Address of Structure:* See Table, City of Wayland, Floyd County, KY

A map showing the location of all properties is available by contacting (Brenda Powers, 606-886-2374 brenda.powers@bigsandy.org)

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**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the acquisition and demolition of the residential properties located in mapped AE and Unshaded X Zones. Confirmation of location in SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 51027C0079E and 21071C0279E. The proposed work conforms to all applicable Commonwealth of Kentucky and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will take place outside of water and will not have
an effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work has no potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA. The action will be mitigated by acquiring and demolishing the five residential structures.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**
City of Wayland is requesting funds to acquire and demolish five residential properties that have a long history of severe flooding. The purpose of this project is to mitigate against future flood events. Acquired properties will be deed restricted as open space.

**Project Alternatives:**
**Alternative #1:** (no action alternative): If no action is taken, this poses a risk to the community as the residential properties will continue to suffer repetitive substantial loss.

**Alternative #2:** Constructing a flood wall and pump station to reduce or eliminate flooding was considered. This alternative would require constructing a drainage system and was dismissed due to being cost prohibitive.

**Alternative #3:** Develop housing on the other side of the city and offer to relocate residents to new construction housing, allowing them to remain in their community, but out of the floodplain. This solution would require the development of a partnership with an outside housing agency and may be cost prohibitive.

**Comment Period:**
Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to City of Wayland. City of Wayland 2643 King Kelly Coleman Highway, PO Box 293, Wayland, KY 41666. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Wayland will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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