

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a FFRMS floodplain and a wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 6/12/2025: This is to give notice that the City of Midway has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and ERR #(24-065-070-E601), is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and a wetland, and the City of Midway will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The City of Midway proposes a Flood and Drainage and Water Improvements project to replace a booster pump, install a siren pole, automate a backwash system, replace a fence line, replace a fill station, reroute the backwash discharge, road resurfacing, ditch regrading, culvert replacements, and complete associated appurtenances. All of these improvements will occur within the City of Midway, Madison County, Texas. For detailed information on where the proposed project activities will take place and for a project map, please contact the City using the information at the end of this notice. The purpose of the project is to alleviate flooding. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using FEMA's Estimated Base Flood Elevation Viewer. According to the viewer, the proposed project is within approximately 0.1 acres of the FFRMS Floodplain. The portion of the project located within the FFRMS floodplain is a roadside ditch intersecting Gin Creek approximately 765 feet south of the FM 247 and School Road intersection where ditch regrading and improvements will occur. According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory, the proposed project is also located within approximately 0.09 acres of designated wetland code R4SBC and PFO1C. The portion of the proposed project intersecting wetland code R4SBC is a drainage channel located approximately 150 feet southwest of the State Highway 21 West and School Road intersection parallel with School Road for approximately 275 feet and eventually crossing over School Road. The portion of the proposed project intersecting wetland code PFO1C, otherwise known as Gin Creek, is located approximately 765 feet south of the FM 247 and School Road intersection. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland 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. Since the project involves improvements to existing facilities, streets, and roadway ditches it will have minimal impact to the natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland. 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. 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; (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. Written comments must be received on or before 6/27/2025 by the City of Midway at 12250 State HWY 21 E, Midway, Texas 75852, (936) 348-6800. Attention: Randall Dorman, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email to cityofmidway@yahoo.com CC: sean.martineau@grantworks.net.