EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

Commonwealth of Kentucky CDBG-Disaster Recovery

Single Family Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program.

Locations: Floyd, Breathitt, Perry, Letcher, Knott, and Pike.

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, & Individuals

This is to give notice that the Kentucky Department for Local Government (KY DLG) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and/or wetland will have on the human environment for Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383). While the confirmation of address locations is in progress, initial estimates indicate some applications from households impacted by flooding may be for properties situated in the 100-year floodplain and/or wetlands. Preliminary estimates for projects afforded by the program include approximately 150 reconstructions, rehabilitations, and/or demolitions. Please note that these numbers are preliminary estimates and are subject to change. The proposed program would provide repairs, reconstruction, rehabilitation, demolition (including asbestos abatement/removal and lead based paint removal), manufactured housing replacement, elevation, utilities, wells and septic needs, mitigation, and related site improvements on existing storm-damaged residential lots across six counties including Floyd, Breathitt, Perry, Letcher, Knott, and Pike.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and/or wetlands 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and/or wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 and/or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

The Special Flood Hazard Zones A and AE comprise approximately 57,053 acres (20.36%) and the High Risk Coastal Areas Zone VE comprise 0 acres (0%) of the Counties’ 100-year floodplain. Wetlands comprise approximately 24,287 acres (1.40%) of the Counties. Eligible program applicants receiving assistance for their residential properties partially or wholly situated within the 100-year floodplain will be required to participate in the NFIP. In compliance with HUD mitigation requirements and NFIP regulations, all structures within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) will be elevated to at least one foot above base flood elevation (BFE), or higher per local ordinances. This requirement would not apply to the applicants receiving housing assistance whose residential properties are situated in Zone X, which encompasses 1,411,513 acres (79.64%) of the Counties.

Written comments must be received by the KY DLG at the following address on or before July 28, 2025: 100 Airport Rd, Frankfort, KY 40601, Attention: Jennifer Peters. Comments may also be submitted via email at Jennifer.peters@ky.gov. Further information can be requested via email at Jennifer.peters@ky.gov or by phone at 502-892-3469. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday at the above address.

Date: July 11, 2025