

## FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All interested Federal, State, And Local Agencies, as well as Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that **the City of Hialeah, the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58** has determined that the following proposed actions under **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** are located in the **100-year floodplain and wetlands**, and **the City** has conducted an evaluation of practicable alternatives to locating the actions in the **floodplain** and the potential impacts on the **floodplain** from the proposed actions, as required by **Executive Order 11988 and 11990** in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

**Project Name:** Temporary Fire Station #9

**Project Description:** The proposed project includes the preparation of infrastructure and the installation of a new modular Fire Station (#9) to cover the annex area of the City (SW Corner of NW 158 St and 97 Ave)

**Estimated Project Cost: \$250,000**

Floodplains provide a wide range of benefits to the ecosystem and community that include: Flood storage and erosion control; water quality maintenance – reducing sediment loads, filtering nutrients and impurities, and moderating water temperature; biological productivity & habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife; as well as recreational opportunities and open space. Potential impacts to these benefits were weighed and analyzed throughout the 8-Step Decision Making Process and these impacts will either be negligible or more than adequately mitigated against, and in some instances the mitigation measures will improve the capacity of the floodplain over its pre-impact state.

The proposed project is not expected to have any impact on the floodplain. It is suitable for carrying out the mission of the United States Department of Urban Development (HUD) by providing necessary public infrastructure improvements to the community. Therefore, the proposed projects will not result in a negative impact to the interests of the surrounding population, the value of the watershed, or the ecological benefits of the floodplain.

The recommendation to proceed with the proposed activities was made based on the fact that no appropriate alternatives were identified, no public comments regarding the floodplain were received, and the proposed actions are to be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal guidelines. In addition, the proposed activities ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the preservation of the natural and beneficial functions and values attributable to on-site floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in **floodplains and 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the **floodplain or wetland**, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public

educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about **floodplains and wetlands** 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 **floodplains**, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by **the City of Hialeah** on or before **May 03, 2021** at the following address *Grants and Human Services Department, 501 Palm Avenue, Hialeah, Florida* or [aquintana@hialeahfl.gov](mailto:aquintana@hialeahfl.gov), or call 305-883-8039 between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

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