**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed**

**Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that City of Lake Charles, as Responsible Entity under Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant – Entitlement program and B-22-MC-22-0208/ B-23-MC-22-0208 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and the City of Lake Charles will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The City of Lake Charles proposes to use $275,000.00 in CDBG-Entitlement funding to design and implement improvements to Huber Park located at 2401 4th Ave, Lake Charles, LA 70601. Improvements will include the addition of a new 45-space parking lot at the southwest corner of the property, relocating the existing playground to a different area on the property, and removing or relocating an existing pavilion and batting cages. There will be ground disturbance associated with the proposed improvements, but tree removal will not occur.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach, and the entire project area is located within the FFRMS floodplain. Floodplains are beneficial by providing natural moderation of floods, surface water quality maintenance, groundwater recharge, diverse wildlife habitat, cultural resources (archaeological, historic, and recreational), and agricultural, aquacultural, open space, and forestry resources. The proposed work is not anticipated to adversely impact the FFRMS floodplain, as the park will continue to offer floodplain benefits, including open space and recreational opportunities for the surrounding community. The proposed actions will be completed in accordance with all applicable best management practices (BMPs) and federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements and conditions.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain 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 project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain 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 floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Lake Charles at the following address from March 6, 2025 until March 24, 2025.City of Lake Charles, Office of Community Development, Box 900, Lake Charles, LA 70602 and 337-491-1440, Attention: Mark Tizano, Community Development Director. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 326 Pujo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70602 and [www.cityoflakecharles.com](http://www.cityoflakecharles.com). Comments may also be submitted via email at [CommunityDevelopment@cityoflc.us](mailto:CommunityDevelopment@cityoflc.us).