

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100 Year Floodplain

To: All Interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Newark, OH Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for the City of Newark Community Block Grant Program under HUD grant B-23-MC-39-0024. The proposed activity is located within the City of Newark, OH, Licking County.

Street Rehabilitation \$187,000. This activity will involve replacing concrete ADA curb ramps, sidewalks, alley approaches in the following areas: WMain@Coffmansidewalk, N25 StalleySofDavis,Decrow@Grant,Decrow@alleySofGrant,Decrow @Burt, Decrow@Hancock, Burt@Hunt, S21st@Idlewilde, Wehrlealleybeside561,Seroco@Mohawk,Wehrle@RaccoonSt&Dr, W.National@Vogel, JeffersonStalleybetween 191 &181,157&151,127&119,JeffersonSt.alleyN&S 76&58,59&57,N&SofSWof6th,N10thfirstalleyNofGranville ,Hoover@Woods,N10thbtwnApt228&264,N10@Selby,WShields@Karen,WShields@Euclid,WShields@Nancy,WShields@King,Meadowbrook@Welshview.JeffersonRd@Mikes,JeffersonRd@N12,N12@alleyNof.JeffersonRd,N12@Rugg,WChannel@alleybtwn41&47,Emerson@Phiilmont,W.Main from Terrace toN40, Easternalleybtwn387&397(N&S ends)ends)WChurch@Linden,WChurch@alleybtwnLinden&Neal,WChurch@Neal,WChurchalleybtwn Neal&Day,EMain-BlessedSacrament-sidewalk@NCedar,Philmontalley,Pierce@Emerson,Piercealley, Emerson@Magnolia, Magnoliaalley,Libertyalley,WChurchalleybeside111, Dietrich@Jean, Columbia@Gunnerson

The City of Newark has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

Street Rehabilitation- The programmatic alternatives outside the floodplain are impractical due to needing to equitably provide access to the program for all residents in the qualifying areas. Alternative actions within the floodplain are impractical due to needing to equitably provide the program for all residents in the qualifying areas. The No-Action Alternative is impractical because the program is deemed important for improving and revitalizing the City. With concurrence from the local floodplain administrator, the scope of the Street Rehabilitation activity will not have any impacts to the floodplain. All proposed work will be done in compliance with state and local floodplain protection measures.

The City of Newark has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activity 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains 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, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Newark, Department of Development, and 40 W. Main St., Suite 407, Newark, OH 43055 on or before April 9, 2024. Comments may be submitted to Mark Mauter, Development Director between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, or emailed to mmauter@newarkohio.net. Maps of the project areas are available for public inspection at the above address.