

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 Washington County under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Washington County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in 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 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 543 W. Pike St. in Canonsburg, Washington County, PA. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach. The proposed activity involves the demolition of a commercial structure formerly known as General Woodcrafting. This action involves less than one acre located in a FFRMS Floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, 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 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 floodplains 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 Washington County at the following address on or before November 19, 2024: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, Attn: Austin McDaniel, 100 West Beau St, Suite 603, Washington, PA 15301. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm at the same address stated above. Comments may also be submitted via email at austin.mcdaniel@racw.net.

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