

## **Final Notice and Public Explanation 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 conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program B-20-UW-42-0101, authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The proposed project(s) is located at Allenport Park, Third Street, Allenport, Washington County, PA and is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach. The proposed activity involves the construction of a walking trail and installation of recreation equipment. This action involves less than one acre located in a FFRMS Floodplain.

Washington County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain:

(i) This project should take place in the floodplain because of the site-specific nature and location of the existing park. Creation of a walking trail and upgrades to equipment will increase safety and usage of the park.

(ii) The following Alternatives were considered:

No Action: A no action alternative was considered and rejected because it will not satisfy the need to upgrade the existing park.

Undertake at Jurisdiction's Expense: Because of limited local funds undertaking this activity with local funds would unduly slow the process upgrading the existing parks in Washington County.

Locate the project outside of the floodplain: Alternative sites were not considered because of the specific nature and location of the problem.

(iii) Major adverse impacts are not expected; however, care will be taken in on site storage of equipment and waste material to prevent problems if flooding occurs during project work. The project will comply with all state and local floodplain procedures.

Washington County has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 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. 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 Washington County at the following address on or before May 21, 2025: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, Attn: Brenda Williamson, 90 West Chestnut St, Suite 700, Washington, PA 15301. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at the same address stated above. Comments may also be submitted via email at [brenda.williamson@racw.net](mailto:brenda.williamson@racw.net).

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