

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain Escambia County, Florida

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Escambia County under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Escambia County Community Development Block Grant funding and B-25-UC-12-0012 and B-24-UC-12-0012 is located in the FFRMS floodplain. Escambia 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 Orders 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The project will involve the installation of 42 surveillance cameras at multiple locations throughout Escambia County, Florida. These cameras will be installed on a telephone-style pole and project locations will include a 10-foot buffer to account for construction equipment staging and shifts in placement on the ground. The poles will extend approximately 6 feet into the ground. The project is not considered a critical action. The purpose of the project is to help with crime prevention; real-time cameras will be a helpful tool for the Sheriff's office.

The floodplain provides drainage for surrounding areas as well as the opportunity for natural wetlands and habitats to thrive. Maintaining the floodplain is an invaluable service to the community. Natural benefits of the floodplain will not be significantly impacted. The 0.2 percent flood approach was used in conjunction with the following FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps: Community Panels 12033C0405J, 12033C0410J, 12033C0415J, 12033C0430J, 12033C0440J, 12033C0419J, 12033C0414J, 12033C0418J, 12033C0552J, 12033C0556J, 12033C0557J, and 12033C0420J effective on 8/19/2025 and 12113C0513G effective on 12/19/2006, show a total of approximately 0.01 acres of the project footprint is located within the Zone A 100-year floodplain, 0.01 acres of the project footprint is located within the Zone AE 100-year floodplain, and 0.01 acres of the project footprint is located within 500-year floodplain. The project is not a critical action. The proposed project is located throughout Escambia County at strategic points on various roads.

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 floodplains and wetlands, 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 and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Escambia County at the following address on or before July 15, 2026: Escambia County Neighborhood Enterprise Division 221 Palafox Place, Room 305 Pensacola, FL 32502. Attention: Mr. Garrett Griffin, Division Manager. A full description of the project may also be viewed from 8am-5pm at the same address. Comments may also be submitted via email at grgriffin@myescambia.com.

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