

## **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that City of New Orleans (CNO) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is located in the floodplain, and CNO 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 and 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 proposed project location is an approximate 0.28-acre portion of the existing Sampson Playground, addressed at 3211 Tresure Street in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. The approximate center coordinates of the project area are 29° 59' 23.00" N / 90° 02' 07.23" W. The project's proposed action includes improvements to the existing Sampson Playground, specifically around the existing pool. Improvements will include the construction of a pool entry building, restroom renovations, and upgrades to access including sidewalks. The existing pool structure and proposed construction area is located in the southeastern corner of the intersection between Benefit Street and Johnny Jackson Jr Boulevard. The entire 0.28-acre project area is located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE).

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/wetland]. 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 CNO at the following address on or before May 25, 2026; City of New Orleans – Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street – Suite 917, New Orleans, LA 70112 Attn: Craig Foundas – Environmental Compliance Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 1340 Poydras Street – Suite 920, New Orleans, LA 70112. Comments may also be submitted via email at [jury@leaaf.com](mailto:jjury@leaaf.com) and/or [cafoundas@nola.gov](mailto:cafoundas@nola.gov).

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