



Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-year Floodplain

This is to give notice of the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) proposed activity within a 100-year Floodplain. AHA intends to carry out actions which may affect or be affected by the 100-year flood plain and seeks to involve the public in the decision-making process.

AHA is proposing to utilize United State Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, for the development of multi-family housing, containing up to new 48 units, located adjacent to pre-existing AHA residences located near Central Avenue SE and 60th Street SE, Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico that encompasses approximately 3.5 acres. The site is zoned as Residential Multi-family Low Density (R-ML). The property is currently vacant land. In addition, simultaneous with the development of the vacant land and as part of the same financing structure, AHA intends to rehabilitate their existing housing at 112 to 232 60th Street NW. Federal funding will be used to complete the development of multi-family housing.

In accordance with the Executive Order 11988, AHA has estimated that a portion of the improvements will be within the 100-year floodplain. AHA will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locate the action within the floodplain, as required by EO 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

In accordance with the Executive Order 11990, AHA has determined that the project is not likely to impact wetlands, as the activities will be restricted to the existing developed project site. A notification has been submitted for this project to the US Army Corps of Engineers as part of the environmental review process.

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 floodplains, 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 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 AHA at the following address on or before August 12, 2022: Albuquerque Housing Authority, 1840 University Boulevard SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106 Attn: Dan Foster. A full description of the project may also be reviewed online at www.abqha.org or picked up at the front desk at Albuquerque Housing Authority, 1840 University Boulevard SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106 beginning July 28, 2022 through August 12, 2022. Comments may also be submitted via email at stacey.wommack@terracon.com.

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