

## A-17: SAMPLE FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS NOTICES/EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW NOTICE

### Sample Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed

### Activity in a [100-Year/500-year Floodplain or Wetland]

[Note: May also be combined with other notices such as state floodplain or wetland notices so long as it contains the required information]

To: All interested Agencies [include all Federal, State, and Local], Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that [HUD under part 50 or Responsible Entity under Part 58] has determined that the following proposed action under [Program Name] and [HUD grant or contract number] is located in the [100-year/500-year floodplain/wetland], and [HUD or the Responsible Entity] will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the [floodplain/wetland] and the potential impacts on the [floodplain/wetland] from the proposed action, as required by [Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990], in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. [Describe the activity, e.g. purpose, type of assistance, the size of the site, proposed number of units, size of footprint, type of floodplain/wetland, natural and beneficial values potentially adversely affected by the activity]. [State the total number of acres of floodplains/wetland]. The proposed project(s) is located [at addresses] in [Name of City], [Name of County].

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in [floodplains/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 [floodplain/wetland], 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/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/wetlands], it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by [HUD or Responsible Entity] at the following address on or before [month, day, year] [a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after the publication]: [HUD or Responsible Entity], [Address] and [phone number]. Attention: [Name of Certifying Officer or designee], [Title]. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from [enter available office hours] at [address or state address is same as above] and [web address if available]. Comments may also be submitted via email at [email address].

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