

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that The City of Staunton has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under CPD. The proposed project(s) is located at West Beverley Street and the intersection of Grubert Avenue in the City of Staunton, Virginia. The project involves the installation of a new sidewalk along West Beverley Street from its intersection with Grubert Avenue westward, crossing Morris Mill Road to Dollar General. The 500 linear foot project will include a pedestrian crossing with curb ramps at Morris Mill Road. The completed project will provide safer pedestrian movement between businesses and the adjacent residential neighborhoods. The estimated total project cost is \$12,750. Total estimated new sidewalk to be built in the floodplain area is 847 square feet.

The City of Staunton has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The first alternative considered was to do no-action. This alternative would not be feasible, since this alternative would not provide safe pedestrian conditions along this commercial street. The second alternative considered was to undertake the project at the Jurisdiction's expense. Due to limited local funds, undertaking this activity with local funds would unduly slow the process of improving infrastructure in its effort toward creating a safer environment. The two alternatives considered are not feasible since the needed improvement to pedestrian safety is site specific.

The City has followed all required state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures and has consulted with all relevant parties.

The City of Staunton has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, 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 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. 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 the City of Staunton at the following email address on or before June 18, 2020: Mr. William Vaughn, Director Community and Economic Development Departments, City of Staunton, vaughnwl@ci.staunton.va.us. A full description of the project may also be reviewed on the City's website <https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/community-development/hud-community-development-block-grant/public-notice>.

Date: June 10, 2020