

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

To: All interested Agencies - Federal, State, and Local - Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Appalachia Service Project under part 50 has determined that the following proposed action under THDA HOME program number HM-21-01: Urban Rural Round is located in the 100-year floodplain, and Appalachia Service Project 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 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. Appalachia Service Project proposes to use THDA HOME funds to meet the unmet housing needs in Hancock County, TN, by reducing substandard housing conditions for families and individuals with low-income. The prospective activity

seeks to address safety and liability concerns due to the substandard housing conditions. Appalachia Service Project shall reconstruct an 864 sq. ft. single family residential unit by bringing the property to a safe, secure, and sanitary state and will involve the removal of one existing residence and the reconstruction of a new single-family home. The new home finished floor will be elevated over 18" above the base flood elevation. The property consists of 1.50 acres located in a 100-year floodplain (zone A). The proposed project is located at 114 Nattie Branch Rd Kyles Ford, Hancock County.

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 floodplain, 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 Appalachia Service Project at the following address on or before March 7, 2023. Appalachia Service Project, 4523 Bristol Highway Johnson City, TN 37601 and 423-854-4427, Attention: Julie Thompson, Director of New Build & Disaster Recovery. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at same as above and asphome.org. Comments may also be submitted via email at newbuildtn@asphome.org.
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