

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

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

This is to give notice that Appalachia Service Project under part 50 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 THDA HOME program number HM-21-01: Urban Rural Round. The proposed project is located at 114 Nattie Branch Rd in Kyles Ford, Hancock. 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.

Appalachia Service Project 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 reduce the burden of substandard living conditions and was rejected due to the urgency of local need for the development of affordable homeownership housing. Hancock County is a small town of 6,787 with very limited rental and homeownership housing stock available, and the market is especially challenging for households that earn less than 80% of AMI. The proposed project will alleviate substandard housing for one family in Kyles Ford, TN. The second alternative was to consider other sites outside of the floodplain; however, none were made available to the homeowner. Reconstructing a single-family dwelling will have minimum impacts to the floodplain because the structure will be elevated 18" above BFE and have a footprint designed to minimize these impacts. The design will also minimize potential damage to the property because of the flooding. Appalachia Service Project has followed all required state and local floodplain protection procedures and has consulted all relevant parties. Acknowledge compliance with state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

Appalachia Service Project 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 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 Appalachia Service Project at the following address on or before April 10, 2023: 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 9AM to 5PM at the address listed above and <https://asphome.org/> Comments may also be submitted via email at newbuildtn@asphome.org

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