

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Paris has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under Community Development Block Grant B-24-DC-47-0001. The proposed project(s) is located at Eiffel Tower Park Extended (West -across the street from the main Eiffel Tower Park -1020 Maurice Fields Drive) on Volunteer Drive in Paris, Henry County and is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetland. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach.

The funding will be used to pave a parking lot, install a fishing pier and boardwalk, and pave an ADA compliant walking trail around a pond for the city of Paris' Eiffel Tower Park Extended. The extended park currently has a patch of loose gravel for parking, a rustic mountain bike and hiking trail, nine-disc golf holes, and a trout pond. Based on the location, the proposed park improvements are in the riverine FFRMS floodplain, Zone AE floodplain, and the Freshwater Pond Wetland. The total number of acres of floodplain/wetland potentially impacted is less than one acre.

The City of Paris has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain and wetland: the actions must take place within the floodplain/wetland because the pond is a wetland and a floodplain enters near the pond on the east side of the pond, no alternatives were considered, and there are no mitigation measures necessary since it will not negatively impact the wetland/floodplain. The City of Paris will comply with state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

The City of Paris has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain and wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 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 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and 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 a floodplain and wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Paris at the following address on or before March 26, 2025 [**a minimum 7 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 8th day after the publication**]: City of Paris Mayor Kathy Ray, 100 N. Caldwell St. Paris, TN 38242 and (731) 641-1402, Attention: Kathy ray, Mayor of City of Paris. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the above address and <https://www.paristn.gov/>. Comments may also be submitted via email to kray@cityofparistn.gov.

Date: March 19, 2025