

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Allegheny County has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) B-25-UC-42-0103. The proposed project location is 207 Altmeyer Street, Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, PA. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach. The proposed work involves the demolition of a two-story vacant residential structure. The structure is in a state of partial collapse. There is no immediate planned use for the site after demolition. This action involves approximately 0.06 acres of land located in a riverine FFRMS floodplain.

Allegheny County 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/wetland:

- (i) This project should take place in the floodplain because there is a need for the removal of vacant residential units. The demolition will remove the structure and should not affect or alter the risk of flooding.
- (ii) The following alternatives were considered:
 - a. No Action: A no action alternative was considered and rejected because of the site-specific need for demolition of a vacant residential unit.
 - b. Undertake at Jurisdiction's Expense: Because of limited local funds, undertaking this activity with local funds would unduly slow the process of removing the vacant residential unit to the County and Borough.
 - c. Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain: Alternative sites were not considered as the problem is site-specific and the selected site is where the demolition will be most effective.
- (iii) Adverse impacts are not expected; however, care will be taken of on-site storage of equipment and waste material to prevent problems if flooding occurs during project work. The project will not increase the chance of flooding and will comply with state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

Allegheny County has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, are available for

public inspection, review and copy 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 floodplain 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 comments about floodplain 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 floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Allegheny County at the following address on or before March 12, 2026, Allegheny County Economic Development, Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 and 412-350-1000, Attention: Jim Johnston, Assistant Director of Operations. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the same address stated above. Comments may also be submitted via email at jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us.

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