

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Allegheny County under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 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 (CDBG) contract number B-24-UC-42-0103. The proposed project(s) is located at 808 Washington Ave. in Braddock, Allegheny County and is located in the floodplain. This project will include demolition of a dilapidated single-family dwelling. The project is located in the 500-year floodplain. The total area affected by the floodplain is less than 1 acre.

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:

- (i) This project must take place in the floodplain due to the specific location of the residential structure to be demolished.
- (ii) The following alternatives were considered:
 - a. No Action: This alternative would leave the dilapidated structure standing, perpetuating the risk to health and safety that the building presents to Borough residents.
 - b. Undertake at Jurisdiction's Expense: Because of limited local funds, undertaking this activity with local funds would unduly slow the process of demolishing the building.
 - c. Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain: Alternative sites were not considered because of the site-specific nature of the project.
- (iii) Major adverse impacts are not expected; however, care will be taken in on site storage of equipment and waste material to prevent problems if flooding occurs during project work. Demolition will also increase the amount of permeable surface in the area. The project will comply with state and local floodplain 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, and 24 CFR 55, 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 Allegheny County at the following address on or before August 31, 2026: Allegheny County Economic Development, Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500 Pittsburgh, PA 15219, Attention: Jim Johnston, Assistant Director, Operations or by email at jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the above address.

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