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 Hamilton County 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 under B-25-DR-47-0001. The proposed project is located along East Brainerd Rd & London Ln Intersection in Apison, Hamilton County and is located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain. The extent of the floodplain was determined using 0.2 percent flood approach using official floodplain maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Hamilton County will undertake a project known as the East Brainerd Rd & London Ln Intersection Improvements. Hamilton County will remodel the intersection at East Brainerd Road and London Lane into a single lane roundabout. This project will consist of the construction of a roundabout at the current intersection to address traffic flow and safety due to growth in the area. The proposed roundabout will ease traffic congestion, keep traffic flow moving, and improve the safety of the intersection. Hamilton County is requesting $3,456,000 in CDBG disaster recovery funds for this project. All work will take place on the existing roadway and right of way located at the East Brainerd Rd & London Ln intersection in Hamilton County, TN. The project area includes floodplain and riverine wetlands throughout. The existing road and intersection sit next to floodplain along East Brainerd Rd and London Ln. Less than 1 acres of floodplain will potentially be worked in.

Hamilton 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: Following completion of the intersection improvements, reseeding and floodplain management practices will be followed to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions. The project area already includes existing roadways in the floodplain throughout. Hamilton County has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development since the existing road infrastructure and intersection already crosses the floodplain and there a no alternative routes that do not cross wetlands. A no action alternative was considered and rejected because the intersection needing improvements already lies in the floodplain and there is no practical alternative route. No new occupancy will take place in the floodplain as a result of this project. The propose activity conforms to all applicable State floodplain protection standards. State ARAP permits and USACE permits will
be secured as needed prior to construction and erosion and sediment control procedures will be followed.

Hamilton 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, 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 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 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 a floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Hamilton County at the following address on or before November 13, 2026: Hamilton County Development Services, 1250 Market Street, Suite 3046, Chattanooga, TN 37402 and 423-209-7821, Attention: Autumn Friday. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9am to 3pm at: address is same as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at rjohnson@sedev.org

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