

**Early Notice and Public Review 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 determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant B-24-DC-47-0001 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetland, and the City of Paris will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 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 Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 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. 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.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in a floodplain/wetland 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain/wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain/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/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 February 19, 2025: City of Paris Mayor Kathy Ray, 100 N Caldwell St. Paris, TN 38242 and (731) 642-1402 Attention: Kathy Ray, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 7 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](mailto:kray@cityofparistn.gov).

Date: February 3, 2025