

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard,
100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and Wetland**

To: All interested Federal State and Local Agencies, USACE, TPWD, EPA, USFS, Groups and Individuals in Polk County and Goodrich and Ace Areas

This is to give notice that Polk County has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (“CDBG-MIT”) program contract 24-065-044-E536, B-18-DP-48-0002 for Polk County Precinct 1 Roads is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS), 100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and Wetland, and Polk County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the FFRMS, 100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and Wetland and the potential impacts on the FFRMS, 100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and Wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Orders 13690, 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project is described as Road Improvements: County shall construct approx. 14,160 LF of road improvements by scarifying, reshaping and recompacting the existing roadway and installing crushed limestone base, asphaltic prime coat and HMAC surface for all street surfaces, base and surface, install approx. 990 LF small and larger cross culverts as necessary, 2 each headwalls, roadway, mailbox and driveway turnouts, mailbox relocation, SWPPP and associated appurtenances. Depth of impact: approx. 1-ft for reconstruction and ditch grading. Depth at Culverts: Max 42” (36” culvert + 6” of additional disturbance). Total Area of Disturbance 16.37 Acres. The roads are located in Precinct 1, Areas of Goodrich and Ace of Polk County, TX 77335/ 77336/ 77351 as shown in Location Table:

Precinct 1 Road Improvements Location Table							
Precinct 1 PPrncnt ID No.	Name	From To Location	Length Culvert LF	Length Roads LF	Width LF	Total Disturbance acre	Lat/ Long
1a	River Road	River Road to Driftwood Drive	400	3,750	50	4.30	30.55278, -94.88044
1b	Drew's Landing Road	Drew's Landing Road thence southeastward 3,750 LF	300	2,250	50	2.58	30.55732, -94.88276
1c	El Camino Road	FM1988 southward 1,060 LF	-0-	1,060	50	1.22	30.60166, -94.95663
1d	Ellis Grimes Road	FM 2969 to Creek Wood Hill	90	1,900	50	2.18	30.60137, -94.97018
1e	Route 66 Road	Taylor Lake Road southwest 5,300 LF	200	5,300	50	6.08	30.51196, -94.86419
	Precinct 1 Totals (Approx)		990	14,260		16.37	

Project need: Eliminate dangerous road conditions to improve safety and roadway reliability for all residents and emergency and public safety vehicles, particularly during storms and flooding event.

Floodplain:

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain will be determined using a freeboard value approach which will include analyzing the 0.2 floodplain maps for Polk County as well as USGS 7.5 minute TOPO maps. According to the Floodplain FEMA FIRM map panels 48407C0275C, 48407C0300C and 48407C0250C, eff. 11/04/2010 an estimated 11.21 acres may be located within the 1% annual chance flood hazard area. The possible floodplain project areas include all proposed project roads as listed in the table at right.

<i>Location ID and Name</i>	<i>FFRMS Floodplain Table FEMA Map Panel</i>	<i>100 YR Floodplain Total Area of Disturbance (acres) Zone A</i>
1a River Road	48407C0275C effective 11/4/2010	0.38
1b Drew's Landing	48407C0275C effective 11/4/2010	1.71
1c El Camino	48407C0250C, effective 11/4/2010	1.22
1d Ellis Grimes	48407C0250C, effective 11/4/2010	1.82
1e Route 66	48407C0300C, effective 11/4/2010	6.08
Precinct 1 Total Floodplain (approx. acres)		11.21

Wetlands:

According to USFWS National Wetland Inventory, the project may contain wetlands along 1b Drew's Landing, 1c El Camino and 1d Ellis Grimes Road. The total Wetland impact is approximately 0.17. 1: PEM1C (Palustrine Emergent Persistent, Seasonally Flooded.) and 2: R4SBC (Riverine, intermittent). See Wetland Table

<i>Location ID and Name</i>	<i>Wetland Table Total Area of Disturbance (Acres)</i>		<i>Wetland Total Impact Acres (All)</i>
	<i>R4SBC</i>	<i>PEM1C</i>	
1b Drew's Landing	n/a	0.14	0.14
1c El Camino	0.01	n/a	0.01
1d Ellis Grimes	0.02	n/a	0.02
Precinct 1 Total Wetland (Approx acres)	0.03	0.14	0.17

The type of beneficial values includes primarily residential and commercial uses, wetland areas are important for area flood controls. Intrinsic Values include archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic elements.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in FFRMS, 100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and 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 FFRMS, 100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and Wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about FFRMS, 100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and Wetland 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 FFRMS, 100-Year, 500-year Floodplain and Wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Polk County at the following address on or before May 8, 2025 Polk County, 410 East Church Street, Livingston, TX 77351 and Ph: 936-327-6813, Attention: Sydney Murphy, Judge. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from weekdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST at 410 East Church Street, Livingston, TX 77351 and [www. https://www.co.polk.tx.us/](https://www.co.polk.tx.us/). Comments may also be submitted via email at sydney.murphy@co.polk.tx.us .

Date: April 23, 2025
 Sydney Murphy, Judge