

PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment For the St. Vrain Creek Flood Mitigation Project City of Longmont, Colorado

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Emergency Management (CDEM), and City of Longmont, Colorado are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed bridge replacement and floodplain modification along St. Vrain Creek. Funding would be provided through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program, which funds hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an EA is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of each of the proposed alternatives on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.

The City of Longmont has identified the need to protect infrastructure along South Pratt Parkway and South Main Street and increase the storage capacity/conveyance of St. Vrain Creek and associated floodplain. The Proposed Action would consist of replacing the existing South Pratt Parkway and South Main Street bridges over St. Vrain Creek and grading/excavating approximately 5 acres of City-owned property (Pavlakis Open Space) downstream of the South Main Street Bridge to increase the storage capacity/conveyance of St. Vrain Creek and associated floodplain.

A public comment period related to the Proposed Action will remain open for 15 days following publication of this notice. If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA will become final and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and be issued by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The draft Environmental Assessment will be available for public viewing at the City of Longmont Development Services Center, 485 Kimbark Street, Longmont, CO 80501 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (MT) Monday through Friday. The EA will also be available on the on the City of Longmont website at <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/> Comments and requests for technical information can be submitted to David Hollingsworth, City of Longmont, at (303) 651 8328 or by email at david.hollingsworth@ci.longmont.co.us

Interested parties may also submit comments or request additional information by contacting Richard Myers, Deputy Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region VIII, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25267, Denver, Colorado, 80225, by telephone at (303)235-4926 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (MT), Monday thru Friday, or by email at richard.myers2@fema.dhs.gov