

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) and Final Notice
of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain
St. John the Baptist School Board Flood Protection Project
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the St. John the Baptist School Board (SJBSB) has applied for funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program for the construction of a new flood protection system and drainage pump station that would provide an independent forced drainage system to the project area. The floodwall system will be comprised of approximately 2,645 linear feet of earthen berm, 2,050 linear feet of steel sheet pile wall and two elevated driveway ramps over the top of flood protection. The proposed project is located at 1 Wildcat Drive, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (Latitude: 30.078377, Longitude: -90.531036).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the St John the Baptist Parish Central Library, 2920 Highway 51, LaPlace, LA 70068, Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the St John the Baptist Parish School Board Administration Office, 118 W. 10th, Reserve, LA 70084, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This notice also serves as the Notice for Final Public Review of a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain. This notice is provided pursuant to 44 CFR Part 9.12, (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands), and FEMA's implementing regulation for Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, concerning FEMA's funding assistance for activities within and/or affect a floodplain. The SJBSB has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. The proposed St. John the Baptist School Board Flood Protection Project shall comply with state and local floodplain protection procedures.

In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part (CFR) Parts 9.6 and 9.8, an Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-year Floodplain for the project was published in the L'Observateur on July 12, 2014 providing the public with a 30-day public comment period for the proposed project. No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

This constitutes final notice and FEMA is accepting comments for the proposed project. The Draft EA comment period will end 7 days from the initial notice publication date of August 13, 2014. Written comments can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in

the final documents. The Final Notice of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of August 13, 2014.

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