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FEMA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
COFFEYVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER
COFFEYVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS
FEMA-1711-DR-KS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is working with partners at the local and state levels and with other federal agencies to coordinate the response to a devastating flooding that struck Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, on June 30, 2007.

FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1711-DR-KS) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, as a result of damages incurred on June 30, 2007. Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that Federal agencies evaluate the environmental effects of their proposed and alternative actions before deciding to fund an action. The President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has developed a series of regulations for implementing the NEPA. These regulations are included in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 1500–1508. They require the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) that includes an evaluation of alternative means of addressing the problem and a discussion of the potential environmental impacts of a proposed Federal action. An EA provides the evidence and analysis to determine whether the proposed Federal action will have a significant adverse effect on the human environment. An EA, related to a FEMA program, must be prepared according to the requirements of the Stafford Act and 44 CFR, Part 10. This section of the Federal Code requires that FEMA take environmental considerations into account when authorizing funding or approving actions. This EA was conducted in accordance with both CEQ and FEMA regulations for the NEPA to serve as a vehicle to document compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The proposed project is to replace the Coffeyville Animal Shelter. Coffeyville Animal Shelter would consist of approximately 3,000 square feet of new construction including room for 20 dog pens and room for 18 cats or puppies in a separate. The new Coffeyville Animal Shelter will be built to all the current codes and standards. Approximately .5 acres of land is needed for the construction of the Coffeyville Animal Shelter. **Utility**

services such as power and telephone exist at the site. Sanitary sewer and water service will need to be provided to the site. Montgomery County has submitted a permit application to extend sanitary sewer service to the Coffeyville Animal Shelter.

The EA was evaluated for any potential significant impacts to air quality, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, state and Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and critical habitats), cultural resources, geology and soils (prime farmland), noise, public health and safety, socioeconomic, traffic, and water quality. It was also evaluated for disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low income populations.

CONDITIONS

The following conditions are to mitigate this projects potential adverse impact. The Applicant/Sub-applicant must meet these conditions as part of the project. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize Federal funds:

1. If cultural resources (particularly human remains) are unexpectedly discovered during construction, activities would cease in the immediate area and the Kansas State Historic Preservation Officer and the FEMA Regional Environmental Officer would be notified before work would continue
2. If hazardous constituents are unexpectedly encountered during construction, all construction activities will cease and FEMA will be contacted regarding the future eligibility of this project. The contractor will take appropriate measures to prevent, minimize, and control the spill of hazardous materials in the construction staging area

FINDING

FEMA makes the following determinations from the information contained in the EA for the construction of the Coffeyville Animal Shelter:

Construction of the Coffeyville Animal Shelter will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, noise, public health and safety, socioeconomic, traffic, and water quality, and for disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low income populations. The proposed action has been reviewed and, to the best of our knowledge, does not have the potential for significant cumulative effects when combined with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in accordance with 44 CFR Part 10.8 (d)(3)(x). As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

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