

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the City of McAllen Retiree Haven Stormwater Improvements
McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas
HMGP-DR-1780-TX, Project #7

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of McAllen has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City for the construction of a curb and gutter storm sewer network, two stormwater detention ponds, a pumping station, and an outfall force main system in the Retiree Haven Subdivision. The purpose of the proposed project is to alleviate flooding in this neighborhood.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed at the City Engineering Department, McAllen City Hall, 1300 Houston Avenue, McAllen, Texas 78501, between September 14 and October 14, 2011, from 7:30a.m. to 5:30p.m. Monday – Friday. An electronic version of the Draft EA can be requested from Dorothy Weir, FEMA Region 6, at dorothy.weir@fema.gov or viewed at FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm>.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the contact listed 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.

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