

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the City of El Campo Tres Palacios Creek Drainage Improvements Project
Wharton County, Texas
SRL-PJ-06-TX-2011-008

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of El Campo in conjunction with Wharton County has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) grant funding for a proposed flood mitigation project that will increase the flood storage capacity of Tres Palacios Creek. The proposed action would widen an approximate 13,650-foot long segment of Tres Palacios Creek to a 50-year capacity. The project limits extend from United States Route 59 Business (Business 59) near Avenue I within the City of El Campo to County Road (CR) 406 west of US 71, just south of the city limits. The geographic coordinates of the project extend from 29°11'18.13" North Latitude and 96°16'51.03" West Longitude (northern extent) to 29°10'22.42" North Latitude and 96°15'02.95" West Longitude (southern extent). This project is located within the 100-year floodplain. The purpose of this flood mitigation project is to reduce future flood damages in the City El Campo that originate from Tres Palacios Creek. The SRL program provides funds to eligible applicants for eligible projects that reduce the risk of flood damage to severe repetitive loss residential structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10). The draft EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives evaluated include (1) no action; (2) the proposed action described above.

The draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed at the City Hall in the City Secretary Office at 315 E. Jackson St., El Campo, TX 77437, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, between October 15 and November 13, 2012. An electronic version of the draft EA can be requested from Dorothy Weir, FEMA Region 6, at dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov or viewed at FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/library/index.jsp>.

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 Dorothy Weir, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 800 N Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209, Fax: 940-383-7299; dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov. 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.