

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the City of Farmington Porter Arroyo Drainage Project
San Juan County, New Mexico
HMGP-DR-1936-NM PROJECT #5

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of Farmington 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 detention basin, berm, and outfall channel near the Porter Arroyo in the northeastern portion of the City. The drainage project would help control the storm water flow rate of the Porter Arroyo. The detention basin has been designed to detain the runoff generated by a 100-year storm within the Porter Arroyo drainage system. The detention basin would hold surface runoff and release it in a controlled manner over an approximate 27 hour time period to reduce the potential for flooding downstream. The proposed project is located within the Farmington city limits north of Piñon Hills Boulevard, approximately 2.4 miles north of the Animas River. The 40-acre parcel is bound on the south by Piñon Hills Boulevard, a four-lane paved road, and on the west and north by College Boulevard, a two-lane paved road (Latitude: 36.77892; Longitude: -108.16340).

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 Public Works/Community Development Customer Counter at 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, between March 31 and April 29, 2013. 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 <https://edit.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notice-2>.

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.