

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**
for
**CITY OF KINGMAN PARKS
KINGMAN, KANSAS
FEMA-4449-DR-KS**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations in order to provide federal funds to the City of Kingman, through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, (KDEM), to provide repairs and mitigation to parklands scoured and washed-out during spring flooding of 2019. Severe storms and straight-line winds caused widespread flooding throughout Kingman County, Kansas, resulting in a Presidentially declared Major Disaster Declaration, FEMA-DR-4449-KS, dated June 20, 2019, as amended. This declaration makes federal disaster assistance available to affected communities and certain nonprofit organizations in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (Stafford Act; 42 U.S.C. 5172), as amended.

The City of Kingman Fairgrounds (45.9 acres) and Riverside Park (41.2 acres) are located on the south side of Kingman, on land between the South Fork Ninescah River and the Mill Race, in a FEMA Zone A floodplain, a Special Flood Hazard Area. The City of Kingman has used this area as public parkland since the early 1920s; 95 percent of the community's parkland and recreational facilities are located here. In the spring of 2019, severe storms and straight-line winds brought excessive flooding, scour and facility washout which damaged portions of both Kingman Fairgrounds and Riverside Park. The City of Kingman proposes to repair damaged facilities, regrade the land to direct water flow, and provide riverbank slope protection to better protect the parklands from periodic flooding that occurs when the river and Mill Race water levels rise during excessive rainfall and other flooding events.

The Proposed Action is to repair damaged park facilities by replacing washed out fill material on park grounds and repair sidewalks and electrical park lighting fixtures including associated wiring. The City also proposes to mitigate against damage in future flooding events by redirecting stormwater flow within the park, raising park ground elevation, replacing culverts with 3 low-water crossings, adding slope protection to the riverbanks along portions of the South Fork Ninescah River and Mill Race, and tree removal and grading along the overbank area north of Riverside Park. Park mitigation plan includes periodic monitoring of riverbank changes due to natural weather events and conducting ongoing maintenance of park facilities. During construction activities, an additional walkway and lighting will be added,

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the environment. The EA will be available for download from FEMA's website at [Environmental Assessment for City of Kingman Parks Repair and Flood Hazard Mitigation, Kingman County, Kansas](#). A copy of the EA is also available for public viewing at Kingman City Hall, 324 N. Main Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068, and Kingman Public Library, 455 N Main Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068. All public comments can be sent via email to FEMA Region 7 Deputy Regional Environmental Officer at: teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov.

The public comment period will end 30 days after the date of this publication on the FEMA website listed above. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or e-mailed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be signed. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents. Contact: FEMA Region 7-DR 4449, Attn: Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, 11224 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, or via email at teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov.