Federal Emergency Management Agency PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment For the [North Logsdon Flood Mitigation Project in Radcliff, Kentucky, Hardin County]

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to assist in the funding of a project located in the Radcliff, Kentucky. This notice applies to the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (HMGP) application for increasing the capacity of (9) nine basins and the construction of (2) two new basins.

This public notice concerns activities pertaining to the efforts The purpose of the project is to address current flooding issues in the Timberwood and Kingswood watersheds by providing mitigation measures to remove as many homes as possible from an established theoretical 100-year flooding area and reduce safety risks, accessibility constraints, physical and socioeconomic burdens for the public and emergency services (police, fire department and ambulance services). The need of the project, as identified in the Master Plan, include implementing economical and efficient flood mitigation measures to control stormwater in the Timberwood and Kingswood watersheds to remove 97 residences from a theoretical 100-year floodplain and improve the safety conditions and accessibility for the public. The City of Radcliff proposed to a flood mitigation project. The City of Radcliff applied for funding from Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (HMGP). On April 12, 2018, President Trump signed a disaster declaration (FEMA-4358-DR-KY) for the State of Kentucky due to damaged caused by severe storm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides occurring February 9,2018 - February 14,2018. This disaster declaration authorized the DHS' FEMA to provide federal assistance that includes HMGP to the designated areas.

The project will involve increasing the capacity of nine (9) basins (see table below) by excavation and altering or adding controlled drainage outlets, constructing two new basins near Ryan and Tara Court upstream of the Timberwood DS Bain, and demolishing two residential properties located at 878 Timberwood Drive (37.848114, -85.960440) and 1025 Scenic Drive (37.848165, -85.960001).

The proposed action will include utilizing excavators, bulldozers, and dump trucks for construction and staging equipment in the open, upland areas surrounding the basins. Work will commence with the installation of erosion protection and sediment control (EPSC) measures. Next, the existing and proposed basins will be stripped of vegetation and topsoil, and then excavated to provide the additional storage capacity. Construction activities will require a total of 103,605 cubic yards (CY) to be cut or excavated from the basins and 3,375 CY of soil fill or compaction in the basins. The depth of ground disturbance ranges from three to eight feet to increase basin capacity. The basins with sinkhole outfalls will involve the installation of protection structures to avoid further erosion and all basins will be seeded utilizing a native plant mix.

Basin	Latitude	(decimal	Longitude (decimal
	degrees)		degrees)

Armour Lane	37.853681	-85.963590
Raven Street	37.854189	-85.961340
Kingswood East	37.852270	-85.961172
Kingswood West	38.851138	-85.962577
Bramblett Basin	37.852490	-85.595480
Logsdon DS Main	37.846743	-85.964696
Logsdon DS 2	37.846285	-85.965237
Timberwood DS Expansion	37.848317	-85.960256
Woods Hollow #1	37.846825	-85.962850
Proposed Tara Court	37.847781	-85.966236
Proposed Ryan Court	37.848059	-85.962494

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been drafted in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) and regulations adopted pursuant to the Department of Homeland Security Directive 023-01, Rev 01, and FEMA Directive 108-1. An alternatives analysis was performed, which included the evaluation of the the proposed action and no action alternative Further detailed descriptions of all alternatives may be reviewed in the draft EA conducted by FEMA or by contacting FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov for a copy. The draft EA is available for public comment and can be viewed on FEMA's and the applicant's website at the following locations:

FEMA WEBSITE LOCATION: https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository

The City of Radcliff WEBSITE LOCATION:

https://www.facebook.com/100064317896398/posts/pfbid02CDCeCTa7cAEn4emTfQndXF M172YSiiGb3RS8WUKjgZUwkovG9AA7VCGveT8hoy8jl/?mibextid=Nif5oz

A hardcopy of the draft EA is available for review at the City of Radcliff's City Hall located at 411 W Lincoln Trail Blvd, Radcliff, KY 40160, during the following hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for effects to federally listed threatened and endangered species. FEMA has determined that the proposed

project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect (NLAA), the gray, Indian, and northern long-eared bats. FEMA requested concurrence with our determination pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.), and the consultation procedures at 50 C.F.R. Part 402 from USFWS. Concurrence was received on March 24, 2022. The City of Radcliff has issued a voluntary contribution to the Imperiled Bat Fund to mitigate affects to listed bat species.

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. FEMA consulted with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and federally recognized 10T (ten) Tribes with an ancestral interest Hardin County, Kentucky. FEMA received concurrence for a determination of No Historic Properties Affected.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. The project location is not located within a special flood hazard area, per Hardin County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 21093C0130D, dated 8/16/2007. There are no wetlands within or near the project area.

President Biden issued new Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 in January 2021 to further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources, and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with recipients/subrecipients to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (HMGP). Interested persons may obtain information about these actions by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "FEMA HMGP-4358-0021- North Logsdon Flood Mitigation Project" at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.