

**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FFRMS FLOODPLAIN,
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: October 16th, 2025

City of Daingerfield, 101 Linda Dr., Daingerfield, TX 75638-2105,

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Daingerfield.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 4th, 2025 the City of Daingerfield will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Daingerfield Sewer Improvements - Manhole Replacement and Rehabilitation. The purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services as well as replace approximately nineteen (19) manholes, rehabilitate approximately thirty (30) manholes, and all associated appurtenances. This is a non-critical habitat and does not involve acquisition. It is citywide – southern portion of Daingerfield, Texas (Morris County). The City of Daingerfield has been awarded \$500,000.00 in grant funds and shall contribute \$25,000.00 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Daingerfield has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Daingerfield City Hall, 101 Linda Dr., Daingerfield, Texas 75638-2105 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Michelle Jones, City Manager via email michelle.jones@cityofdaingerfield.com or by phone at (903) 645-3906.

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard
Designated Floodplain**

This is to give notice that the City of Daingerfield has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant Program and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) ERR #(CDV23-0169). The City of Daingerfield proposes to replace approximately nineteen (19) manholes, rehabilitate approximately thirty (30) manholes, and all associated appurtenances throughout the southern portion of the city of Daingerfield, Morris County, Texas. For a map of the project location, contact the city at the address below. The purpose of the project is to reduce inflow and infiltration. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using freeboard value approach (FVA). According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 4804930001B effective date 12/7/1982, the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain has not been mapped for the project area, but the 1-percent-annual chance floodplain has been mapped for the project area. Therefore, the Freeboard Value Approach (FVA) must be utilized to determine the FFRMS floodplain. As the proposed project does not involve an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great because such flooding might result in a loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property, it is therefore not a critical action. Both the FIRM and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) are insufficiently detailed to determine the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for the project area. Additionally, according to FEMA's Flood Map Change Viewer, preliminary data is available for the proposed project area however, the preliminary floodplain data is also insufficiently detailed to determine the BFE. FEMA's Base Flood Elevation Viewer was used to determine the BFE for the project location or the nearest area with available data. Per 24 CFR 55.7(b)(3) an additional two feet was added to the BFE to determine the FFRMS floodplain. Then United States Geological Survey (USGS) Elevation Point Query Service (EPQS) was used to determine the elevation of the project area. According to this data, the proposed project shall take place within approximately 0.08 acres of the FFRMS floodplain. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. The City of Daingerfield has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain: locations outside and not affecting the FFRMS floodplain, alternative

methods to serve the identical project objective, and a determination not to approve any action proposing the occupancy or modification of a floodplain. The practicability of alternatives considered the natural, social, and economic values of each alternative. The alternatives considered were not chosen because they would fail to address the most deteriorated manholes in need of repair, would be economically prohibitive, and would allow health, safety, and environmental violations to persist. The City of Daingerfield has reevaluated the alternatives and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed project in the FFRMS floodplain. The proposed project must be located within the floodplain due to the necessity of aligning with existing infrastructure and to meet critical service requirements for the surrounding community. The best action is to proceed with the project as planned utilizing the following mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and values of the FFRMS floodplain:

- The implementation of erosion and sediment control measures will be used wherever possible, such as the installation of silt fences, sediment barriers, or erosion control blankets, using sediment basins to capture runoff, or stabilizing exposed soils immediately after construction with vegetation or mulch.
- Manholes shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems
- The project shall not lead to any significant increases in impermeable cover and shall have no negative impacts on the floodplain, and the project area will be restored to pre-project conditions upon completion.
- The project shall meet any applicable, additional local floodplain requirements set forth by the community's Floodplain Administrator prior to construction.
- All state, local, and NFIP floodplain protection procedures will be followed. Including manhole elevation/floodproofing as necessary.
- The consulting engineer shall take into consideration additional specifications to minimize damage to and/or restore the native plant species.
- The project shall be implemented using best management practices designed to protect improvements from flood damage.

Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request during regular business hours at the City Hall. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the City Manager. Comments may also be submitted via email to michelle.jones@cityofdaingerfield.com. All comments received by November 3rd, 2025 will be considered by the City of Daingerfield prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Daingerfield certifies to TDA-ORA that in their capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Daingerfield to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Daingerfield's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Daingerfield approved by TDA-ORA (b) the City of Daingerfield has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDA-ORA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR

Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Annessa Lewis, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michelle Jones, City Manager