

## Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year/500-year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, State and Local Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the HUD under part 50 or Responsible Entity under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, 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 PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, under COOOO71787. The proposed project is using CDBG funding to extend public water supply using the Wells Creek Road water line to the Countryside Mobile Home Park property in Somerset Township, Somerset County. This project is only extending a transmission/supply line 496 LF to the very edge of the park property.

Somerset County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

- Alternative 1      Do Nothing: This alternative would not provide safe drinking water for Countryside Mobile Home Park residents.
- Alternative 2      Undertake at Jurisdiction's Expense: Because of limited local funds undertaking this activity would unduly slow the process of improving water quality and pressure and ultimately the living conditions of the park residents.
- Alternative 3      Undertake at Homeowner's Expense: Somerset Township did not consider mandating applicable homeowners or the mobile home park owner to pay for water line extension to the park. Over 70% of the park residents are low and moderate income. The Township has prioritized this area as most in-need of safe drinking water conditions and that this infrastructure improvement should be made as soon as possible.

This project does not require LOMR or LOMA to officially amend an effective FIRM.

Alternatives acknowledged and studied above achieve compliance on the state and local levels who rely on federal 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection.

Somerset County has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of

fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Somerset County at the following address on or before **July 21, 2022**: Somerset County, 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501, Attention: Patricia Adamczyk, Deputy Executive Director. Certifying Officer: Gerald Walker, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 AM to 4:30PM at the Somerset Redevelopment Authority offices located at 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501 with a web [Public Notices - Somerset Redevelopment Authority](#). Comments may also be submitted via email at [patty@somersetredevelopment.org](mailto:patty@somersetredevelopment.org).

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