

**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITIES
IN A 100-YEAR/500-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND/OR WETLAND**

TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS:

This is to give notice that Fayette County, PA has determined that the following proposed actions under the FY2024-2028 CDBG Programs (Contract Numbers: C000093669 and TBD) - and any future similar projects funded in contracts yet to be determined - are located in a 100-year/500-year floodplain and/or wetland, and Fayette County, PA will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and/or wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and/or wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed actions involve street improvements and road reconstruction with or without storm improvements along existing roadways as follows: 1) Street Improvements for wall collapse in the Short St Area of Dunbar Boro with approximately 117 LF in a floodplain (Zone AE), 2) Road Reconstruction along Valley School Rd in Nicholson TWP with approximately 121 LF in a floodplain (Zone AE), 3) Road Reconstruction along Mudd School Rd in Bullsken TWP with 1,056 LF in a wetland, and 4) Road Reconstruction in the Gates Area of German TWP with approximately 58 LF in a floodplain (Zone A). These actions will provide funding for improvements of extremely deteriorated roadways that cause hazardous driving conditions for area residents.

Fayette County, PA is reviewing the above action in addition to future similar actions involving street improvements and/or road reconstruction with or without storm improvements whereas a portion of roadway is located in a predicted floodplain and/or wetland area located throughout Fayette County for their effect on passage of floodwaters, alternatives to floodplain development, and for consistency with federal, state, and local policies and regulations on floodplain management. The total number of linear feet and type of floodplain/wetland area for future projects is yet to be determined.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and/or wetlands 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains and/or wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and/or wetlands 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 floodplains and/or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Fayette County, PA at the following address on or before June 9, 2025: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF) at 86 West Main Street - Uniontown, PA 15401 and (724) 437-1547; Attention: Andrew P. French, Executive Director. A full description of the projects may also be reviewed on weekdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the address above. This location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Every effort will be made to provide the needed materials to all residents, including LEP persons, as needed with advance notice. Comments may also be submitted by email to bgirod@racfpa.org.

Date of Notice: May 23, 2025