

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a
Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Louisville Jefferson County Metro government under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Riverport Landings development project under HUD grant number M-15-MC-21-0205. The proposed project is located 4646 Cane Run Road in Louisville, KY County of Jefferson. The proposed project, Riverport Landings, will be a mixed residential and mixed use development site. The residential component will consist of 412 units, to include: 108 senior and 240 multi-family housing units and the nonprofit, Family Scholar House. The Family Scholar House offers housing and other support services to single-parent college students and their children. Sixty-four of the 412 units will be devoted to Family Scholar House. In addition, the development will house a Boys and Girls Club, a nonprofit offering programs and services for area youth. The commercial component will provide retail space which will be located on the frontage of Cane Run Road. The project also includes a 2½ acre community park. The floodplain is limited to the northwest corner of the site which utilizes less than 1 acre and has less than 0.2% chance of annual flooding. The project has less than 1.5 acres of wetlands disbursed throughout the property within five areas for a total of 0.389 acres. The total jurisdictional wetland is 0.065 acres located along the western boundary of the site in an existing transmission line right-of-way. The proposed site totals 34.66 acres.

Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. The project meets the conditions of Nationwide Permit (NWP) 29 for residential development because total jurisdictional impacts will total less than 0.5 acre, and no streams or other waters of the U.S. will be impacted. Although the northwest corner of the site is located within the 100 year floodplain, no activities are proposed within the floodplain. This flood zone region is reported to have less than 0.2% chance of annual flooding. The building layout was rearranged so that it would not be in the jurisdictional wetland. The project was designed around the floodplain area so that it is entirely on a commercial parcel, all building are outside of the floodplain and this area of the site will be reserved for storm water retention. This undeveloped 34 plus acres offers a rare opportunity to holistically develop a site that would provide an intergenerational living community where single parents can strive for a better life, young hard working families can live adjacent to senior relatives and the surrounding area can enjoy the 2.5 acre park while the neighborhood is served with retail establishments.

Louisville Jefferson County Metro government has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, 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 floodplains/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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/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/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Louisville Jefferson County Metro government at the following address on or before April 14, 2016: Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development, 444 South 5th Street, 5th Floor, Louisville, KY 40202, Attention: Marilyn Edwards, Housing Program Coordinator. A full description of the project may also be reviewed by calling 502-574-3977 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at above address. Comments may also be submitted via email to marilyn.edwards@louisvilleky.gov

Date: April 6, 2016