

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
and NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
and FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN AND
WETLANDS**

1/16/26

**Coryell County, 800 E. Main Street, Suite A, Gatesville, TX 76528
(254) 865-5911**

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited three separate but related procedural notification requirements to be undertaken by Coryell County.

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 2/3/26, Coryell County (County) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as Flood and Drainage Improvements to improve drainage and reduce flood risk, under GLO Contract #24-065-172-F138.

Project Locations: Coryell County, Texas

Project Title: CR 274 Low Water Crossing, Flood & Drainage Improvements		
County Road 274 Gatesville 76528	From approximately 570 feet southwest of County Road 266, southwestward 40 feet 31.47386, -97.64432	40 Linear Feet (LF)
Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]: Subrecipient shall remove bridge and roadway; excavate channel; install arch; replace roadway; and complete associated appurtenances.		
Project Title: Bald Knob Road, Flood & Drainage Improvements		
Bald Knob Road Gatesville 76528	From approximately 10,130 feet west of Straws Mill Road, northwestward 300 feet 31.37843, -97.75761	300 LF
Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]: Subrecipient shall remove roadway; excavate channel; install arch; replace roadway; and complete associated appurtenances.		
Project Title: Shady Lane Culvert Replacement, Flood & Drainage Improvements		
Shady Lane Gatesville 76528	From approximately 145 feet south of Bridge Street, southward 40 feet 31.42921, -97.72692	40 LF
Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]: Subrecipient shall remove and replace culverts; excavate channel; install arch; adjust and relocate utilities; pave; and complete associated appurtenances.		
Project Title: East Avenue B Storm Drain Improvements, Flood & Drainage Improvements		

East Avenue B / North 4 th Street Copperas Cove 76522	From North Main Street southeastward to North 4 th Street, thence southward 70 feet 31.12515, -97.90051	732 LF
Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]: Subrecipient shall install drainpipe and inlets; adjust utilities; pave; and complete associated appurtenances.		

Funding Information

DRGR Activity	Grant Award	Other Funds	Total
MIT – Public Facilities and Improvements – Non-Covered Projects – LMI	\$1,857,091.03	\$0.00	\$1,857,091.03
MIT – Public Facilities and Improvements – Non-Covered Projects – UNM	\$1,527,408.97	\$0.00	\$1,527,408.97
TOTAL	\$3,384,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,384,500.00

Total HUD Funds and Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,384,500.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail.

Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the County at the address above, or by email to cojudge.asst@coryellcountytx.gov.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD (FFRMS) DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that the County has, under 24 CFR Part 58, conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and Executive Order 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 Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, GLO Contract #24-065-172-F138. The proposed project Locations and Descriptions are as described in REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Freeboard Value Approach and FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMettes.

CR 274: FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMette 48099C0300F, effective 2/17/2010: Zone A, totaling approximately 0.23-acres.

Bald Knob Road: FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMette 48099C0275F, effective 2/17/2010: Zone A, totaling approximately 0.23-acres.

Shady Lane: FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMette 48099C0290F, effective 2/17/2010: Zone X, Area of Minimal Flood Hazard.

East Avenue B/North 4th Street: FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMettes 48099C0545F and 48099C0635F, effective 2/17/2010: Zone X, Area of Minimal Flood Hazard.

The 8-Step for Floodplain Management was followed. Compliance is met per HUD Exchange Guidance. All appropriate and most recent data was utilized. The beneficial values of the floodplain will not be adversely affected as the improvements will be to sites that are already geographically in the floodplain and the improvements will improve the conveyance of stormwaters.

According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps of the project areas, there are wetlands present. Hydrex Environmental was hired to perform the wetlands investigations, which were completed on 10/22/25.

County Road 274, Bald Knob Road and Shady Lane projects can fall under a Non-Reporting Nationwide Permit 14, *Linear Transportation Projects*. This permit will be non-reporting because (1) the loss of waters of the United States does not exceed 1/10-acre; and/or (2) there is not a discharge of dredged or fill material in a special aquatic site, including wetlands.

The East Avenue B / North 4th Street project site does not involve a WOTUS (Waters of the U.S.) and does not require a permit.

The 8-Step Process for Wetlands Protection was completed. There will be no adverse effect on wetlands.

The County 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 and wetland:

Different Activities: For the Bald Knob Road site, a precast arch was planned. Further investigation revealed that there is not enough room or road strength to have the precast arch delivered by a semi-trailer, and there is also not enough room for the semi to turn around. It would have to back up for about one mile. In lieu of the precast, a steel arch is planned. The steel arch would arrive in sections and be connected on site, and the delivery issues would no longer be an issue. Additionally, the steel arch plate will be less costly to install. **No Action Alternative:** Taking no action would cause no environmental related issues or expenditure of grant funds; however, taking no action would not address the issues of road overtopping with the rise of storm waters.

The County has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain and wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review and copying as outlined in the paragraph of FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in a floodplain and wetland 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 and 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 wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments/objections on the ERR to the County. Written comments received by 2/2/26 will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments shall be addressed to the County at cojudget.asst@coryellcountytx.gov or by mail to: Coryell County, 800 E. Main Street, Suite A, Gatesville, TX 76528, (254) 865-5911, Attn: County Judge Miller's Office. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the County via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Coryell County certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Roger Miller, in his capacity as County Judge, 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. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Coryell County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and the County'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 County; (b) The County 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 GLO (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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, Community Development and Revitalization, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO at (512) 475-5000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Roger Miller, County Judge