

**Early Notice for Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in  
the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland**

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Name of Responsible Entity: City of Cottondale  
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Contact: Sherri McBride, City Clerk  
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To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Cottondale has determined that the following proposed action under the Florida Commerce Department (FloridaCommerce) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program and subgrant agreement number M0165 is in the 100-year floodplain and/or a wetland. A portion of the City's proposed Northwest Sanitary Sewer Lines Hardening project will be constructed in approximately 2.65 acres of the 100-year-floodplain and is not within a wetland. The City of Cottondale 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 the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

**Service Area #1 – Northwest Sanitary Sewer Lines Hardening Project**

The City of Cottondale has been awarded One Million Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,499,228.00) for the Northwest Sanitary Sewer Lines Hardening Project. During Hurricane Michael, the sanitary sewer lines, manholes and lift station comprising the Northwest Cottondale sanitary sewer collection system suffered direct damage and in combination with the age of the infrastructure, resulted in significant inflow and infiltration (I & I). The significant amount of rainfall resulting from Hurricane Michael saturated the ground surrounding these sanitary sewer lines resulting in pipe joint damage and pipe joint degradation, resulting in ground water, sand, and debris to leak into the system and wastewater/sewage to leak out. One lift station in the area was forced to greatly exceed its pumping capacity, due to the infiltration from the excessive rainfall and the presence of sand and other debris, and now is prematurely at the end of its useful life.

The City of Cottondale's proposed project will replace 3,550 LF of existing sanitary sewer lines, rehabilitate 1,500 LF of existing sanitary sewer lines, rehabilitate one (1) existing sanitary sewer lift station, including the installation of one (1) emergency electrical generator. The project additionally will replace 16 existing sanitary sewer manholes, rehabilitate six (6) existing sanitary sewer manholes, reconnect laterals, and replace approximately 6,650 square yards of existing paving along West Street, Front Street, McKinnon Street, McClain Street, North Street, and Adams Street in the Northwest section of the City of Cottondale.

The proposed project area is located in the northwest section of the City and is bound on the east by West Street, on the south by Front Street, on the north by North Street and on the west by Parrish Street.

A portion of the construction may be carried out within approximately 2.65 acres of land located within a Flood Zone A floodplain and is not within a wetland.

**Activity:** Construction  
**CDBG Amount:** \$1,130,272.00

**Local Match:** \$ 0.00  
**Total:** \$1,130,272.00

**Activity:** 21A Administration  
**CDBG Amount:** \$ 74,961.00  
**Local Match:** \$ 0.00  
**Total:** \$ 74,961.00

**Activity:** 016 Engineering  
**CDBG Amount:** \$ 293,995.00  
**Local Match:** \$ 0.00  
**Total:** \$ 293,995.00

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**Total Local Match:** \$ 0.00  
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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.

As a result of the proposed project, a minimal amount of additional impervious areas may be created in the Service Areas included in this project. In the case where new impervious surfaces are being created, storm drainage improvements will be included in the design and construction of the project to offset the impact of the additional impervious surfaces being created.

Written comments must be received by Sherri McBride, City Clerk, at P. O. Box 398, Cottondale, Florida 32431 or by phone at (850) 352-4361 on or before February 20, 2024. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm CT Monday through Friday at 2659 Front Street, Cottondale, Florida 32431. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Sherri McBride, City Clerk, at (850) 352-4361. Comments may also be submitted by email to [cityclerk@cityofcottondale.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofcottondale.net).

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