

## **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Lobelville has determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant B-23-DC-47-0001 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Lobelville will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is Rose Street, Depriest Bend Drive, Fourth Avenue West and Pine Lane in Lobelville, Perry County. A portion (less than 500ft) of Depriest Bend Drive is located within a floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA).

The City of Lobelville plans to use remaining 2023 CDBG funds to provide much-needed improvements to four additional city streets. The streets being addressed in Phase II of the project, Rose Street, Depriest Bend Drive, Fourth Avenue West and Pine Lane, have a multitude of issues, including potholes, rutting, alligator cracking, and asphalt raveling. TLM Associates, Inc. performed an analysis of and rated each street according to the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) Manual, which is supported by the Federal Highway Administration. The streets selected for improvements scored less than a five on the PASER scale and are in serious need of resurfacing. All of the streets also had areas that showed signs of structural failure requiring additional repair beyond the overlay. An estimated 480ft portion of Depriest Bend Drive is located in a FFRMS floodplain.

Repair and overlay is the only way to properly address aging streets that have deteriorated to this level. This method will remove the surface issues that will continue to show through any patching or sealing. The overlay will provide new aggregate adding integrity and friction to the surface. The solution to the problem begins with addressing the structural failures that have created the potholes, rutting, and alligator cracking. This will include the removal and replacement of the existing asphalt and base in some areas. Next, the streets will receive a leveling course of asphalt where needed as preparation for the new surface layer. A new surface layer of asphalt will then be installed to provide a smooth and safe surface for the community. Some streets will be milled prior to installing any new asphalt due to the fact that increasing the elevation of the road may create drainage or accessibility issues. The engineer does not anticipate the necessary repair activities to adversely affect the floodplain area.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in a 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain. 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 a floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Lobelville at the following address on or before June 9th, 2025: City of Lobelville, 55 S Main Street, Lobelville, TN and [931-593-2285, Attention: Robby Moore, Mayor of Lobelville. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm at Lobelville City Hall. Comments may also be submitted via email to [cityrecorder@lobelvilletn.org](mailto:cityrecorder@lobelvilletn.org).

Date: May 21, 2025