



Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a FFRMS floodplain and a wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 1/30/2026: This is to give notice that the City of Rockport has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and ERR #(24-065-166-F081), is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and a wetland, and The City of Rockport will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 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 City of Rockport, Aransas County, has received a Community Development Block Grant from the Texas General Land Office – CDBG-MIT Program for a project to improve fiber optic and drainage facilities.

Fiber Optics

The City of Rockport proposes to install fiber optic conduit and all associated appurtenances at the locations described below. All coordinates and lengths are approximate and based on initial estimates.

Street	Location	Coordinates	Length (linear feet)
Highway 35 Bypass	Along Highway 35 Bypass, from the City of Rockport Public Works Facility to FM 2165/Pearl Street	From 28.039756, -97.078564 To 28.05383, -97.06966	5,920
FM 2165 / Pearl St	From the intersection of FM 2165 / Pearl Street with Highway 35, along Pearl Street, to Austin County Bridge and Road and then to Enterprise Boulevard then to Linden Street then to the Waste Water Treatment Plant then to W Laurel Street	From 28.05383, -97.06966 To 28.04636, -97.06339 Then to 28.040415, -97.058311 Then to 28.03724, -97.05652 Then to 28.03504, -97.05463 Then to 28.02824, -97.05456	10,880
Enterprise Boulevard	Along Enterprise Boulevard, from the Memorial Park Hike & Bike Nature Trails facilities, to easement behind Heron Oaks	From 28.04069, -97.06005 To 28.04045, -97.05411	2,000
Easement Behind Heron Oaks / N Live Oaks Drive	From Enterprise Boulevard to along along the Easement Behind Heron Oaks, along N Live Oaks Drive, to the easement connecting N Live Oak Drive to Stadium Drive	From 28.04045, -97.05411 To 28.04504, -97.05037	2,100
The Easement connecting N Live Oak Drive to Stadium Dr	From N. Live Oak Drive to the Community Aquatic Center	From 28.04504, -97.05037 To 28.04544, -97.04868	500

W. Laurel Street	Along Laurel Street, from its intersection with Pearl Street to its intersection with Magnolia Street	From 28.02824, -97.05456 To 28.02819, -97.05146	1,000
Magnolia Street	Along Magnolia Street, from its intersection with Laurel Street to its intersection with E Concho Street	From 28.02819, -97.05146 To 28.02542, -97.05145	1,000

According to the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool (FFSST) CISA data is not available for this project area. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has defined the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain for the project area. According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 48007C0245G effective date 2/17/2016 approximately 3 acres of the proposed fiber optic project is located within the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain. This part of the project is located at the southern end of where the project improves facilities along Magnolia Street and Laurel Street. Therefore, the proposed project is located within the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. According to FEMA's Flood Map Change Viewer, there is no pending or preliminary data available for the proposed project area.

As the proposed project does not involve an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great because such flooding might result in a loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property, it is therefore not a critical action.

According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI), approximately 1 acres of the proposed fiber optic project is located within a wetland. There are three areas where the project intersects USFW designated wetlands, along Hwy Bypass 35 parallel to Fir St. (coordinates 28.040470, -97.078199, wetland code R4SBCx), along Hwy Bypass 35 approximately .3 miles south of its intersection with FM 2165 (coordinates 28.049857, -97.072196, wetland code PEM1A), at Pearl Street approximately .04 miles northwest of its intersection with Mapel Street (coordinates 28.0382955, -97.056538, wetland code PEM1Ax), and along the easement behind Live Oak Street from its intersection with Enterprise Blvd to the easement north of Delta Street (coordinates 28.040450, -97.054127 to 28.045278, -97.050359, wetland code PEM1Cx). Work at these locations will involve drilling through existing infrastructure in order to replace or install fiber optic cables.

Drainage Facilities

The City of Rockport proposes to acquire land; excavate and construct detention and water quality ponds; install inlet, outlet, and interconnector; improve ditches and water conveyance; repair pavement and driveways; and complete associated appurtenances in order to improve drainage facilities. The location of the drainage ditch and water conveyance work are described in the chart below. All coordinates and lengths are approximate and based on initial estimates.

Drainage Facility	Location	Coordinates	Length (linear feet)
E Sabinal Street	Along E. Sabinal Street, from its intersection with N Verne Street to approximately 200 linear feet east of its intersection with N Racine Street.	From 28.030963, -97.061850 To 28.031020, -97.058138	1,200
E Nopal Street	Along E Nopal Street, from its intersection with N. Moline Street to its intersection with N Ann Street	From 28.029074, -97.058621 To 28.029116, -97.055606	1,000
W Laurel Street	Along W Laurel Street, from its intersection with N Verne Street to its intersection with N Ann Street	From 28.028112, -97.061808 To 28.028231, -97.055585	2,000
N Racine Street	Along N Racine Street, from its intersection with E Laurel Street to E Mimosa Street	From 28.028169, -97.059731 To 28.026360, -97.059705	700

W Mimosa Street	Along W Mimosa Street, from its intersection with N Kossuth Street to N Racine Street	From 28.026341, -97.062832 To 28.026311, -97.059713	1,000
Concho Street Connector	From the proposed drainage pond south of Racine Street to a point approximately 120 linear feet west of Hwy 35 and then south to a point along Hwy 35 parallel to E Concho Street	From 28.025880, -97.059462 To 28.025900, -97.058403 To 28.025527, -97.058356	450

The first proposed detention pond will be located between E Sabinal Street and W Laurel Street, east of N Verne Street and west of N Moline Street, with the northwest corner at approximately 28.030745, -97.060950, its northeast corner at approximately 28.030765, -97.059680, its southeast corner at approximately 28.028292, -97.059901, and its southwest corner at approximately 28.028256, -97.060934. The second proposed drainage pond will be at south of N Racine Street and west of Highway 35, with the northwest corner at approximately 28.026167, -97.059800, the northeast corner at approximately 28.026254, -97.059554, the southeast corner at approximately 28.025924, -97.059615, and its southwest corner at approximately 28.025918, -97.059848

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According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI), approximately 18 acres of the this part of the proposed project is located within a wetland, designated wetland code PSS1A and PEM1A. The proposed project involves the construction of detention ponds and drainage facilties within the identified wetland area.

The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. Since the project involves improvements to an existing facility, it will have minimal impact to the natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains 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 impacts; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before 2/9/2026 by the City of Rockport at 2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, TX 78382, (361) 729-2213. Attention: Tim Jayroe, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the same address. Comments may also be submitted via email to cbrannan@rockporttx.gov CC: ben@grantworks.net.