

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

To: All interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that **City of Port Lavaca** has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-MIT) Contract# 24-065-167-F082 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain / wetland, and **City of Port Lavaca** will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the FFRMS floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the FFRMS floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, 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 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, TX 77979. The specific proposed project locations are outlined in Table 1.

TABLE 1 City of Port Lavaca Corporate Ditch Approx Total Disturbance Table

<i>Proj ID</i>	<i>Location Name</i>	<i>From... To</i>	<i>Lat/Long</i>	<i>Disturbance Length (LF)</i>	<i>Approx Disturbance (acres)</i>
PLD1	Proposed Storm Drain	Half League Rd/ Schooley St Easement From Half League Road @ George Street southeastward past Schooley Street to Greenspace west of Half League Road	28.6126758 -96.6352060	860	0.36
PLD2	Pond Outfall	Proposed pond southeast corner to approx 330 lf SE to Hwy 87	28.610732 -96.634282	140	0.24
PLD3	Cement Lavaca Ditch	190' east of Seadrift St& Main St SE to W Austin St	28.6088308 -96.6321348	1,200	0.28
PLD4	Grass Ditch	Approx 500' NE of Seadrift Street & West Austin Street southward to City limit	28.6025022 -96.6218773	6,830	6.58
PLD5	New Pond Area	Stormwater Pond west side of Half League Rd @ Mahan St	28.6112952 -96.6346420	2.83
	Total			9,030	10.28

The project activities include acquisition, construction of a new stormwater pond as well as upgrades to the storm drain system, replace and regrade ditch, and complete associated appurtenances. Enhancements to the concrete and grass/overgrown ditch include:

Clearing/Grubbing	2720 LF 60" Storm Pipe	45,540 SY Green Ditch Enhancements
1830 SY Subgrade	7 EA Junction Boxes	Fencing, Sod & Seeding Pond Bottom
10" Base & Asphalt	1 EA Pond Outfall Structure	Driveways
500 LF 36" Storm Pipe	1 EA Double Endwall	4 EA Traffic Signs
310 LF 8" Storm Pipe	3340 SY Concrete Ditch Enhancements	

Railroad and TxDOT permit may be required. Approx Total Area of Disturbance 10.28 acres

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using freeboard value approach which incorporates the use of the FEMA floodplain maps and USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps for the project area. The area reflecting impact for this project includes construction activities at the grass ditch. According to the FEMA National Flood Insurance Layer NFIP Map Layer 48057C185E, EFF 10/16/2014 and 48057C205E, EFF 10/16/2014, approximately 2.20 acres is estimated to be located within 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone (Zone A) and 0.27 acres may be located within the 0.02% flood risk area, with a total estimated 20.47 acres located within any floodplain.

In addition, a portion of the project activities may be located at wetland areas. According to the national wetlands inventory map (Plate A-6) depicts aquatic habitat within the drainage easement of Corporation Ditch consisting of subtidal and intertidal habitat (E1UBL, E2EM1P); emergent and forested wetland (PEM1A, PFO1C); and intermittent and perennial streams (R4SBCx, R5UBFx). A wetland delineation conducted 01/2026, seven (7) aquatic features within the project boundaries. A review of readily available maps and aerial photographs was performed as part of this investigation. The sources reviewed include (USGS) quadrangle maps,

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil survey data, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood data, National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps, Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data, and natural-color and color-infrared aerial photography. The delineated aquatic resources are summarized in Table 2 below reflects the findings of the study.

Table 2. Delineated Aquatic Resources

Aquatic Resource	Type	Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)		Length (LF) within ROW	Area (ac) Within ROW	Geographic Coordinates (NAD83)
		Width (ft)	Depth (ft)			
Corporation Ditch	Tidal Stream	22.5	2.00	1,893	1.0	28.599156, -96.615830
Corporation Ditch	Freshwater Stream	15.0	2.25	2,517	0.9	28.601139, 96.620788
Corporation Ditch	Ephemeral	12.5	1.50	3,880	1.0	28.606369, -96.628265
Wetland A	Emergent	--	--	--	0.10	28.598743, -96.614563
Wetland B	Emergent	--	--	--	0.02	28.598984, -96.615590
Wetland C	Emergent	--	--	--	0.02	28.598169, -96.613522
Ditch-1	Upland / Man-Made / Non-RPW	--	--	35	--	28.601111, -96.620661
Ditch-2	Upland / Man-Made / Non-RPW	--	--	27	--	28.603616, -96.622987
Ditch-3	Upland / Man-Made / Non-RPW	--	--	39	--	28.603720, -96.623723

RPW - Relatively Permanent Water (Jurisdictional)

Non-RPW - Non-Relatively Permanent Water (Non-Jurisdictional)

Existing natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain/wetland potentially adversely affected include floodwater conveyance, erosion control and habitat for flora and fauna and intrinsic values include recreational, scientific and cultural

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the FFRMS floodplain/ 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the FFRMS floodplain/ wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the FFRMS floodplain/ wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the FFRMS floodplain/ wetland 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 an FFRMS floodplain/ wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by City of Port Lavaca at the following address on or before March 23, 2026. Please submit comment to City of Port Lavaca, 201 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, TX, 77979, Phone: 361-552-9793 weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. CST Attention: Jack Whitlow, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. CST at 201 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, TX, 77979, Phone: 361-552-9793. Comments may also be submitted via email: jwhitlow@portlavaca.org

Date: **March 6, 2026**