

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

To: All interested Agencies FEMA, TWDB, TCEQ, USACE, Groups and Individuals of Calhoun County & City of Port Lavaca

This is to give notice that the City of Port Lavaca has determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG MIT) Contract # 24-065-167-F082 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and City of Port Lavaca will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the FFRMS floodplain and the potential impacts on the FFRMS floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 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 at the Western shoreline of the closed municipal landfill: From east of intersection of FM 1090 and Seadrift Street, north to south along western shoreline. Lat: 28.5940883 / Long: -96.6147673.

The project activities include excavating the site and shoreline; installing erosion control; and completing associated appurtenances. The project elements include 4800 CY of bluff excavation, site grading, 4450 CY of 18" clay cap (Sand Clayey or Pasticity Clayey), seed/topsoil & 4700 SY of Bionet Erosion Control Blanket. Clearance activities include administration, engineering and environmental activities. TOTAL APPROX AREA OF DISTURBANCE: 3.27 acres

The proposed restoration work is to fill the disturbed area on the land side going toward the water using an excavator and bulldozer to push the material into the disturbed areas while achieving some compaction and pushing the water out of the fill as the fill is being placed. Once the area is filled to the shoreline, it will be filled using a marsh backhoe of excavator on a barge. Contours will be graded with the excavator bucket and checked to adjacent contours for grade. Additionally, the existing bluff will be excavated to reduce the erosion and cap the disturbed areas. The excavated material will be utilized in the previously described fill areas and any additional material will be disposed of at the landfill.

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. According to the FEMA National Flood Insurance Layer NFIP Map Panel 48057C0205E effective 10/16/2014, approximately 1.22 acres may be located within the 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone (Zone AE) and approximately 2.05 acres is estimated to be located in the 0.02% flood risk area. This represents an estimated total of approximately 3.27 acres located within the FFRMS floodplain. All areas are for drainage improvements to ensure the continuous existing natural and beneficial functions of conveyance of flood water away from the coastal communities where tourism and recreational intrinsic values are present.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in FFRMS floodplain & those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns & provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the FFRMS floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, & methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the FFRMS floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about FFRMS 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 FFRMS floodplain, 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