



PUBLIC NOTICE FOR A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE FLOODWAY AND WETLANDS

To: All interested Agencies, US Fish and Wildlife, US Army Corps of Engineers, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Brownwood plans to submit an application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a Local Parks Program Grant. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain and wetlands will have on the human environment. If funded, Grantee shall complete various recreation improvements at Riverside Park, 601 Riverside Park Drive, Brownwood, Texas, which is approximately 88.5 acres in size. Project improvements may include pavilion reconstruction or new construction, playground improvements, picnic shelters, fishing dock, kayak launch, sand volleyball court, lighting, game area, restroom improvements, amphitheater construction, and other improvements. Per FEMA Map 48049C0376E, 8/28/2018, improvements are located in the floodway. According to the Fish & Wildlife Services, National Wetlands Inventory, some activities will occur within or adjacent to wetlands. The proposed project is located on property owned by the City of Brownwood, north of Highway 377 and adjacent to Pecan Bayou.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Commenters are encouraged to attend the **City of Brownwood's public hearing on June 26, 2023 at 5:05PM** at Brownwood City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas. If you are unable to attend, please submit your views and comments to **Marshal McIntosh, mmcintosh@brownwoodtexas.gov**.