

# COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT & INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS & FINAL NOTICE & PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN

January 27, 2026

City of Jasper 465 S. Main Street Jasper, Texas, 75951 409-384-4651

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Jasper

To All Interested Parties Including: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Mitigation Planning Texas Water Development Board, Regional Flood Management Association, Groups & Individuals of the City of Jasper and Jasper County, Tx.

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 12, 2026 the City of Jasper (City) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-56), enacted on September 8, 2017, for necessary expenses for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster recovery, restoration, and economic revitalization and to affirmatively further fair housing in areas affected by the Texas Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332) Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq as amended) and Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-123), enacted February 9, 2018, for necessary expenses for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major declared disaster that occurred in 2017, to undertake a project known as City of Jasper Gil Gal Area Water Improvements, DRRP Contract No. 25-143-011-F347/ B-18-DP-48-0001. Activity: Water Improvements GLO17-32697-P

Project locations are outlined in Table 1.

<b><i>TABLE 1 City of Jasper Gil Gal Area Water Improvements Approximate Total Disturbance Table</i></b>						
<b><i>Loc ID</i></b>	<b><i>Street</i></b>	<b><i>From /To</i></b>	<b><i>Lat/Long (Centroid)</i></b>	<b><i>Total Length (lf)</i></b>	<b><i>Total Width (lf)</i></b>	<b><i>Approx Total Disturbance (Acres)</i></b>
<b>CJW1</b>	Live Oak	Approx 600' north of Willow Dr, Mid-block to Verna/CR126	30.926676, -94.019250°	1,950	45	2.01
<b>CJW2</b>	Verna/CR126	Live Oak to CR125	30.929211°, -94.023243°	3,000	45	3.1
<b>CJW3</b>	Denton	Verna to end of Street	30.931824°, -94.020016°	2,200	45	2.27
<b>CJW4</b>	CR125	CR126 to end of Street	30.926533°, -94.028735°	3,100	45	3.2
<b>CJW5</b>	CR124	CR126 to FM2800	30.937052°, -94.025027°	5,530	45	5.71
<b>APPROXIMATE TOTALS</b>				<b>15,780</b>		<b>16.29</b>

Project Description: The City of Jasper shall install piping, fire hydrants and associated appurtenances. Construction includes approximately 15,780 LF of 8" PVC (15,260 LF of 8" PVC water main, 520 LF of 8" PVC water main and tracer wire by slick bore), gate values, tapping sleeves & valves, interconnection with four (4) existing water mains, installation of 31 fire hydrants, installation of 24 short side and 9 long side water service transfers, including disinfection/testing. Clearance includes administration, acquisition, engineering and environmental activities. Total Area of Disturbance: 16.29 acres.

Project Purpose: The City was critically impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Heavy rainfall & high winds caused flooding & power outages impacting the water-treatment system & threatening public health, safety, & welfare. Improvements will reduce the risk of electrical loss in emergency situations & ensure the ongoing operation of the water-treatment

system & continued distribution of potable water during power outages. Beneficiaries: 84 persons of which 52 or 61.90% are low-to-moderate income persons.

HUD Grant Amount \$1,575,000.00 +Match Amount: \$157,500.00 = Total Project Amount \$1,732,500.00

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph: 409-384-4651, Attention: Clark McLane, Mayor where the ERR can be examined & is available for review & or copied during weekdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST. Comments may also be submitted via email at [cmclane@jaspertx.org](mailto:cmclane@jaspertx.org) . In addition, ERR can be accessed electronically at

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9tc1j774ny1ewmz9nxoq6/CityofJasperDRRPWaterImprovementsProjectERR-Final.pdf?rlkey=yfosj56c14seo4u7lsiitd7fa&dl=0>

### **FINAL NOTICE & PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN**

This is to give notice that City of Jasper has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") program under DRRP contract # 25-143-011-F347. The proposed project locations are outlined in Table 1 above. It is identified that portions of these projects are located within the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) the extent of which was determined by using the freeboard value approach. The FFRMS determination included examination of FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) floodplain maps as well as USGS 7.5 Minute TOPO maps to confirm lower than surrounding areas where construction is planned.

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According to the Floodplain FEMA map panels 48241C0210D, Eff 12/17/2010, and 48241C0220D, Eff 12/17/2010, a portion of the project estimated at 0.47 acres is located within the FFRMS floodplain. See Table 2 below.

TABLE 2 Approximate Total Floodplain Disturbance Table City of Jasper DRRP Water Improvements					
<i>Loc ID</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Lat/Long</i>	<i>FEMA Map Panel/ Effective Date</i>	<i>1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A (lf)</i>	<i>1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone A (Acres)</i>
CJW2	Verna/CR126	30.929211, -94.023243	48241C0220D, eff 12/17/2010	360	0.37
CJW4	CR125	30.926533, -94.028735	48241C0220D, eff 12/17/2010	183	0.09
CJW5	CR124	30.937052, -94.025027	48241C0210D, eff 12/17/2010 48241C0220D, eff 12/17/2010	10	0.01
APPROXIMATE TOTALS				553	0.47

Natural and beneficial values of the floodplain and wetland areas of the project include flood controls for residential and commercial areas located within the City of Jasper. City of Jasper has considered the following alternatives &

mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts & to restore & preserve natural & beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing FFRMS floodplain, floodway and wetland.

**ALTERNATIVES:** 1. Moving the improvements to another location in the city is not feasible or practicable as the needs for an expanded water system have been identified in the area of the proposed project. 2. Just maintaining the existing water lines and appurtenances was considered, however, this methodology has been the solution for years. Replacing lines instead of continually repairing them has been determined to be less expensive in the long run as these improvements will reduce water loss from aging lines and will reduce service interruptions from repetitive invasive repairs. 3. Not performing the improvements will not address the City's needs for safe delivery of drinking water to the identified area.

#### **MITIGATION:**

City will implement the following mitigation measures and best management practices during the construction of this project. General Construction Recommendations & Mitigation for all project activities include judicious use and placement of sediment control fence to exclude wildlife from the construction area. Where possible include no-till drilling, hydromulching and/or hydroseeding rather than erosion control blankets or mats to reduce risk to wildlife.

Endangered Species: Federal Law: Migratory Bird Treaty Act: Site(s) review for nests prior to construction to avoid disturbance from a minimum zone of 100 meters surrounding any raptor nest February 1 through July 15 or minimum zone of 25' for other bird nests from March 1 to June 30. If any nests are discovered in vegetation or bare ground of occupied nests, avoid disturbance until the eggs have hatched and the young have fledged. Construction may continue on other areas of the site. State Law: Parks and Wildlife Code: Site(s) review prior to and during construction will occur to ensure no wildlife species are located within the construction area and action will be taken to avoid impact if found. Notification of TPWD will occur if endangered species are found or if further assistance is necessary to clear and area. In general, the species will be permitted to leave the sight without disturbance. Where possible, construction will avoid clearing during the height of nesting season and in general will avoid wildlife impact. Species focus includes 1. Tricolored Bat - If species is identified, contact TPWD and TGLO for further direction. 2. Eastern Box Turtle – If encountered during construction, move them away from construction pointing them in the direction they were found to help them leave the area. Turtles also may be along roadways. Review the area prior to and during construction and close any open trenches immediately after installation during construction to prevent unintended capture. Environmental documentation from the ERR will be provided to contractors to ensure an understanding of the mitigation necessary to prevent impact to wildlife in the construction areas.

Historic Preservation: Construction activities will occur via directional bore under the area parallel to Live Oak on the west side of the road (running the width of the cemetery boundaries), approximately 50 lf from western edge of the cemetery boundaries. No open cut digging will occur in front of the cemetery. If historic properties or cultural materials are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are found, work should cease in the immediate area. Contact the THC's History/Archeology Programs Division for consultation.

Floodplain: Construction will include appropriate grades to ensure proper drainage. Contractor and City will obey State and local floodplain protection procedures.

Traffic: BMPs will be incorporated to avoid negatively impacting traffic, especially access for fire, police, EMS and area residents traveling in and around the Project construction locations. Take precautions to prevent impact to accessibility for traffic to businesses and residents - including emergency vehicles. The construction will occur along existing ROWs including those along roads and within commercial areas.

City of Jasper has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the FFRMS 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. 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 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 the FFRMS floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR DOCUMENT to the City of Jasper at City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph: 409-384-4651, Attention: Clark McLane, Mayor, email at [cmclane@jaspertx.org](mailto:cmclane@jaspertx.org) . All comments received by February 11, 2026 , will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing during weekdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST at 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, Texas, 75951.

Written comments regarding the Final Floodplain Notice must be received by the City at the following address at City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph: 409-384-4651, Attention: Clark McLane, Mayor, email at [cmclane@jaspertx.org](mailto:cmclane@jaspertx.org) on or before February 11, 2026. Comments may be submitted to City Hall Attention: Clark McLane, Mayor, 465 S. Main Street Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph. 409-384-4651 during weekdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST Comments may also be submitted via email to: [cmclane@jaspertx.org](mailto:cmclane@jaspertx.org) .

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

City of Jasper certifies to TGLO that Clark McLane, in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process & that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TGLO approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA & related laws & authorities & allows City of Jasper to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TGLO will accept objections to its release of funds & the City of Jasper certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Jasper (b) City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) City or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TGLO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Regulatory Oversight at, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, via email at [env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov) . Potential objectors should contact TGLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Clark McLane, Mayor