

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT & INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS- & FINAL NOTICE & PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN, FLOODWAY & WETLAND

Date of Notice January 27, 2026

City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, TX 75951, Phone: 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 (TGLO) for the release of program funds under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") program to provide financial assistance in accordance with Executive Order 12892, pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) This includes Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-56), enacted on September 8, 2017, 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) 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 Citywide Sewer Project, Contract No. 25-143-010-F346/ B-18-DP-48-0001 and B17-DM-d48-0001 for Citywide sewer improvements. Activity: Wastewater Improvements GLO17-32696-P.

The project locations are outlined in Table 1.

TABLE 1 City of Jasper Citywide Sewer Project Locations						
Total Approximate Disturbance Table (Acres)						
Loc ID	Street	From /To	Lat/Long	Total Length (lf)	Total Width (lf)	Approx Total Disturbance (acres)
CJS1	Bevil Loop	Walnut Run lift station along Walnut Run Dr until approx 135' south of E Bay Dr, thence NE to Bevil Loop lift station	30.897767, -93.983688	4,810	50	5.5
CJS2	Old LP Area / RR	Intersection of Visador St & N Manuel St approx 430' north on N Manuel St, thence NE crossing RR tracks, continuing path eastward along RR tracks, ending at Old LP millsite area	30.923452, -93.984319	5,150	50	5.9
CJS3	Graham Area	Intersection of E Milam St & Graham St, traveling north on Graham St for approx 240', thence NE to Lela St, traveling east on Lela St, thence South on Neyland St for approx 135 ft	30.925116, -93.992422	1,260	50	1.4
Approx Totals				11,220		12.9

Project Description: The City of Jasper shall replace existing 6-to-16-inch sewer lines. Replacement sewer line includes: 590 LF 6-in; 1,820 LF 8-in; 330 LF 10-in; 3,030 LF 12-in; 500 LF 15-in; 4,800 LF 16-in and 100 LF with 24-in Steel casing. Work also includes rehab of existing and/or install new manholes along sanitary sewer line, service reconnections and associated appurtenances. Activities also include rehab lift station connections and/or demolition, open cut and pipe bursting, drain crossings at roadways ROW, road bores, and steel casing. Manholes include standard depth and additional depth to 30 lf. Includes acquisition of easements where needed. Railroad permit is required as currently configured at old LP Area. Clearance includes administration, acquisition, engineering and environmental activities. Acquisition may be necessary. Total Area of Disturbance: 12.9 acres

Project Need: The City of Jasper was critically impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Heavy rainfall resulted in flooding that inundated the wastewater system; threatening public health, safety, & welfare. Improvements of the wastewater infrastructure will facilitate proper functioning of critical wastewater system components to reduce the impact of sewer contamination & system failure during extreme weather events. Beneficiaries: 6902 persons of which 4379 or 63.45% are low to moderate income persons. HUD Grant Amount: \$2,275,000.00 + Match Amount: \$207,500.00 + Acquisition \$20,000.00 = Total Project Amount: \$2,502,500.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

City of Jasper 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 City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street Jasper, TX, 75951, Phone: 409-384-4651, email: cmclane@jaspertx.org . where the ERR can be examined & is available for review and/ or copied during weekdays from 8:00 A.M to 5:00P.M. CST.

In addition, ERR can be accessed electronically at <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9zqow4umz542vur42x7ar/CityofJasperCitywideSewerEA-25143020F346.pdf?rlkey=4ox91t2y4sq8fmmx6kr53pck8&dl=0>

FINAL NOTICE & PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD FLOODPLAIN, FLOODWAY & WETLAND

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, 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, DRRP Contract # 25-143-010-F346. The proposed project locations are outlined above in Table 1.

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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Project Purpose: Improvements of the wastewater infrastructure will facilitate proper functioning of critical wastewater system components to reduce the impact of sewer contamination & system failure during extreme weather events.

TABLE 2 City of Jasper DRRP Sewer Improvements Total Approximate FFRMS Floodplain Impacts Table							
Loc ID	Street	Lat/Long	FEMA Map Panel/ Effective Date	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard (Acres) Zone A	0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard (Acres) Zone A	Total Approx Floodway (Acres)	Total Approx Floodplain (Acres)
CJS1	Bevil Loop	30.897767, -93.983688	48351C0225D eff 11/16/18 48241C0240D eff 12/17/10	2.5	0	0	2.5
CJS2	Old LP Area / RR	30.923452, -93.984319	48351C0225D eff 11/16/18 48241C0240D eff 12/17/10	0.7	0.1	1.65	0.8
CJS3	Graham Area	30.925116, -93.992422	48351C0225D eff 11/16/18 48241C0240D eff 12/17/10	0.01	0.03	0	0.04
Totals				3.21	0.13	1.65	3.34

FLOODPLAIN: According to the FEMA NFHL, approximately 4.95 acres of the proposed project is located within a floodplain/flood hazard area as per FIRM Map Panel 48351C0225D, eff. 11/16/2018 and 48241C0240D, eff. 12/17/2010 and a site visit conducted 10/21/2025. According to FEMA FIRM Panel 48351C0225D, effective 11/16/2018 approximately 1.53 acres of the project at the LP site (CJS2) may be located in an area identified as a floodway. The project

activities consist of replaced utility lines where a significant portion of construction will utilize pipe bursting. In accordance with HUD policies these activities are considered functionally dependent improvements.

In addition, approximately 2.55 acres of utility line replacements will be installed in Zone A with 1% annual flood hazard, Zone AE where 0.72 acres of the installations will occur, and Zone X where 0.2% annual flood hazard includes 0.15 acres of line installation.

WETLANDS: A portion of the project at Old LP Area BNSF Railroad crossing intersects a wetland as identified in the USFWS National Wetland Inventory. The Total Approximate Wetland Impact is estimated to be approximately 0.08 consisting of Freshwater Forested/ Shrub Wetland (PF01/2C). 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. City of Jasper will be compliant with state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

ALTERNATIVES: 1. Moving the improvements to another location in the city is not feasible or practicable as the broken and impaired sewer lines which are causing the needs for new and/or rehabilitated wastewater lines and manholes exist in the area identified. 2. Just maintaining the existing sewer lines and appurtenances was considered, however, this methodology has been the solution for years and does not address overall needs to ensure human health and the environment from aging sewer lines. In addition, these upgrades will reduce the need for costly support for antiquated equipment. Replacing lines instead of repairing them has been determined to be less costly for the city and will reduce service interruptions from repetitive invasive repairs. 3. Not performing the improvements will not address the City's needs for safe collection and treatment of the city's wastewater. This will ultimately result in system failures that mean sewer backups and breakdowns that cause impacts to human health and the environment.

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 an 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. Removal of trees should be minimized and limited where possible to trunk circumference of 19 inches or less. The areas that will be cross country should be reviewed prior to construction to ensure no bats are living in the trees located at the site and review to ensure no active bird nests are located within the trees to be removed. Environmental documentation will be provided to contractors to ensure an understanding of the mitigation necessary to prevent impact to wildlife in the construction areas. Tricolored Bat: If species is identified, contact TPWD and TGLO for further direction. 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.

Historic Preservation: 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.

FFRMS Floodplain/Floodway /Wetlands: Best Management Practices will include silt fencing to prevent erosion and restoring the disrupted soils to its natural contours and appearance and to preserve the surrounding terrain in the floodplain. Contractor will conduct pipe-bursting to avoid any impacts to wetlands. Construction will include appropriate grades to ensure proper drainage and construction activities will comply with State and local floodplain & wetland protection procedures.

Permitting: If the project plan will cross the railroad at the Old LP/RR project, a railroad permit will be required for the construction under the BNSF railroad crossing. Permit documentation must be submitted to TGLO for approval before the project may proceed. If the City is unable to obtain the permit, the construction locations and activities will need to be reassessed by the City and TGLO. If scope changes are required due to permit requirements, a reevaluation of the original environmental review findings may be warranted.

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 has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain, floodway and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to FFRMS floodplain and wetland 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, Floodway & Wetland & 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, Floodway & Wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, & methods to minimize & mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information & request for public comment about the FFRMS Floodplain, Floodway & Wetland can facilitate & enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks & impacts associated with the occupancy & 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, Floodway & Wetland, 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 at the following address: City of Jasper, 465 S. Main Street, Jasper, Texas, 75951, Ph: 409-384-4651, Attention: Clark McLane, Mayor, email at cmclane@jasper.tx.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 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@jasper.tx.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 the City 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 GLO, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, via email at env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact TGLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Clark McLane, Mayor