

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Columbus, Georgia, Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action under the Moving to Work Block Grant (Grant Number GA04P00450124) is located in an area containing streams, and the City of Columbus, Georgia, will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the area containing streams and the potential impacts on the streams from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or 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 7600 Moon Road in Columbus, Muscogee County. An on-site wetland/stream delineation was performed at the project location by Terracon Consultants in April/May 2024.

The proposed project consists of the new affordable Housing for Older Person (HFOP) 55+ community, Moon Creek Phase I. The proposed project site, identified as Muscogee County Tax Parcel 080-001-073 located at 7600 Moon Road, consists of approximately 6.1 acres of vacant wooded land owned by the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia. The project is the first of a multi-phased development with Phase I consisting of one building with 90 units (81 one-bedroom and 9 two-bedroom). The purpose of the project is to meet the growing need for safe, affordable housing for the aging population of Columbus, Georgia. Across April and May of 2024, Terracon Consultants performed a wetland/stream delineation at the project site and identified a wetland, perennial stream, intermittent stream, and three ephemeral streams within the project boundaries. Project activities are anticipated to only impact the three ephemeral streams and are excluded from the areas identified as wetland, perennial stream, and intermittent stream. Potential impacts to the ephemeral streams include the conveyance of stormwater across the subject property. The total area of ephemeral stream channel that has the potential to be impacted is 0.042 acres.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities that impact the streams 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 area containing streams, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the 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 streams 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 area containing streams, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Columbus, Georgia at the following address on or before June 5, 2026 **[a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after the publication]**: City of Columbus, Georgia, Community Reinvestment Department, 1111 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Columbus, GA or 706-225-3931, Attention: Robert Scott, Director of the Community Reinvestment Department. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the address stated above. Comments may also be submitted via email at [scott.robert@columbusga.gov](mailto:scott.robert@columbusga.gov).

Date: May 20, 2026