

**COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND
FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD (FFRMS) FLOODPLAIN
AND WETLANDS**

August 4, 2026
Jefferson County
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Beaumont, Texas, 77701
(409)835-8400

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Jefferson County.

Per 24 CFR 58.45, and 24 CFR 55.20(b)(1), the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF), and the Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in an FFRMS Floodplain and Wetlands will be published simultaneously. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI, NOI-RROF, and FFRMS Floodplain and Wetlands have been combined. Commenters may submit comments to GLO and objections to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to ensure they will receive full consideration.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 20, 2026 Jefferson County will authorize the Jefferson County Drainage District to submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation funds under The Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act of 2018 (Public Law 115 -123) and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116 -20), as amended, to undertake a project known as Halbouty Detention Pond and Shreveport Pump Station for the purpose of flood mitigation and alleviation of flooding in Port Arthur, Texas and western Jefferson County. The project is estimated to cost \$17,147,45.00, which will be fully covered using the GLO allocation of \$41,367,400.00.

The project site is located within Jefferson County, Texas, situated approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Highway 73 and approximately 1.25 miles southwest of Highway 96. Shreveport Pump Station is located within the city limits of Port Arthur on Shreveport Avenue along the existing levee/floodwall. The approximate NAD83 geographical coordinates for the project features are as follows:

Halbouty Detention Pond: N 29.91920, W 93.99280

Shreveport Pump Station: N 29.87265, W 93.93111

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE FFRMS FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that Jefferson County has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 and 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 Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Contract No. 24-065-063-E573. The proposed project is located in Jefferson County, Texas within the 100-year floodplain according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map and areas denoted and delineated as wetlands according to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map and on-site analysis by LJA Engineering, Inc. (LJA).

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 (DD7) is proposing to improve drainage in Port Arthur (Jefferson County), Texas. The purpose of this project is for flood mitigation to alleviate flooding in Port Arthur, Texas and western Jefferson County.

The proposed approximate 16 acre Halbouty Detention Pond expansion consists of two detention ponds, associated bridge and roads, and water control structures. Both ponds will be excavated to a maximum depth of 19 feet, where practicable. The excavated soil will be placed on an adjacent 68-acre property owned by Jefferson County DD7.

Shreveport Pump Station will include the demolition of the existing pump station and construction of a new pump station. The proposed reconstruction of the Shreveport Pump Station will occur along the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration (CSRME) Project being conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District. The reconstruction of Shreveport Pump Station will include a new pump station building with associated equipment and appurtenances, concrete paving, fencing, gates, and installation of the pump station discharge pipes within the levee/floodwall.

The proposed Halbouty Detention Pond expansion and stockpile area (+/-138 acres) and Shreveport Pump Station (+/- 0.235 acres) are both located within the federal flood risk management standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain (0.2-PFA) was utilized as the FFRMS floodplain for the project area.

Portions of the detention pond expansion cross through areas designated on the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Map as wetlands (PEM). These areas are not typically ground truthed, therefore a delineation of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, was performed. During the delineation, 25.38 acres of wetlands were identified within the project area. Project plans have been engineered to minimize impacts to 1.17 acres of wetlands.

Jefferson County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplains/wetlands:

Alternative 1: No Action Alternative:

The no action alternative results in not constructing the Halbouty Detention Pond expansion and not improving the Shreveport Pump Station. The current conditions of these properties would remain unchanged, and the area would continue to be impacted by major flood events. If the no action alternative would have been selected, the risk of flooding, property loss or damage, and threat to public health and safety would continue. The continued risk to residents of Port Arthur and western Jefferson County would remain. Therefore, the no action alternative was rejected.

Alternative 2: Construction of a 70 Acre Detention Pond and Reconstruction of the Existing Shreveport Pump Station:

This alternative would increase construction within areas identified as floodplain and wetlands. While this would still alleviate flooding, it would result in an increased impact to wetlands. Additionally, this alternative would result in the increased cost for the construction of the Halbouty Detention Pond expansion. Even though this alternative would sufficiently address the threats to the surrounding area, it was determined to not be cost effective. Therefore, it is not a practicable solution, and it was rejected.

Alternative 3: Construct the Project as Proposed:

Constructing the project as proposed is the preferred option as it would result in flood and drainage improvements in Port Arthur, Texas and western Jefferson County. Construction of the Halbouty Detention Pond expansion in this area will mitigate risk of flooding, property loss or damage, and threat to public health and safety. This area was selected due to the proximity to the existing Halbouty Detention Pond opposite Main C Canal on property owned by DD7. The decreased size of the Halbouty Detention Pond expansion and reconstruction of Shreveport Pump Station has reduce the overall impacts to 1.2 acres of wetlands and provide the most cost effective alternative to sufficiently address the flooding threat.

Jefferson County has reevaluated the alternatives to the project as proposed and has determined that it has no practicable alternative.

Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 24 CFR 55, 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 floodplain and/ or wetland 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 activities in a floodplain and or wetland 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 a floodplain and/ or wetland it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Jefferson County at the following address on or before August 21, 2026:

Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 (4th Floor, County Judge) and (409) 835-8400. Attention: The Honorable Judge Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm at the above listed address. Comments may also be submitted via email to Jeff.Branick@jeffersoncountytexas.gov.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Jefferson County 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 Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the following address: Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 (4th Floor, County Judge) and (409) 835-8400. Attention: The Honorable Judge Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge. All comments received by August 21, 2026, will be considered by Jefferson County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

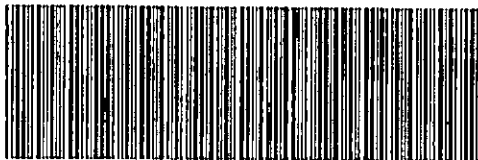
Jefferson County certifies to the GLO that Jeff Branick in his capacity as Jefferson County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Jefferson County Drainage District to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and Jefferson County's 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 Jefferson County; (b) Jefferson County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient 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 the GLO; 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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge



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Jefferson County Clerk

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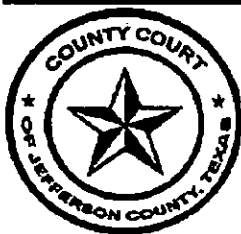
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Roxanne Acosta-Hellberg
Jefferson County Clerk
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