

Final Notice and Public Explanation of the City of Tamarac Generator Project in a 100-Year/ 500-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals:

This is to give notice that the City of Tamarac conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) grant program, under HUD grant contract number IR003. The proposed project is located in the City of Tamarac, Broward County, Florida. The project includes the installation of four generators at the following four lift station locations in the City: 6400 NW 57th St., 2811 NW 48th St., 9700 NW 77th St., 10100 NW 80th St. Each generator footprint is approximately 84 sq. ft with a combined total of 336 square feet of floodplains or .0077 acres.

The City of Tamarac has considered alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. The project must take place in the floodplain because the generators must be located at their respective lift station to provide electricity to the unit in the event of a power loss. If permanent generators are not placed at the lift stations, then the current practice of providing mobile generators would need to be used. However, these mobile generators would also need to be placed at the lift station site, in the floodplain. Therefore, alternative locations may not be considered for the permanent generators. The City of Tamarac acknowledges compliance with state and local floodplain protective procedures relative to this project and all mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions (e.g. floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater discharge or recharge, erosion control, water quality maintenance, and habitat for flora and fauna) and values (e.g. recreational, educational, scientific, historic and cultural) of the floodplain.

The City of Tamarac reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 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 floodplains 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 floodplains 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 floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Tamarac at the following address on or before August 17, 2021, a minimum 7 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 8th day after the publication:

City of Tamarac, Public Services Department
ATTN: Mr. Earl Henry, Utility Engineer
Public Services North Building
6011 Nob Hill Road, 2nd Floor
Tamarac, FL 33321

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Comments may also be submitted via email to
Mr. Earl Henry, Utility Engineer at earl.henry@tamarac.org.

A full description of the project may be viewed on the City's website at <https://www.tamarac.org/420/Flood-Protection-Information>, or in-person at the Public Services North Building, Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. -4 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged and may be scheduled via phone at 954-597-3737.