

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-year floodplain

To: All interested Agencies Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Ravenswood has 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 Washington Park Pedestrian Bridge under HUD Grant number B-23-CP-WV-1597. The proposed project is located at Washington Park in Ravenswood, Jackson County, West Virginia. The bridge will span Sandy Creek from Washington Park to city owned property at the end of Sand Street and will provide safe passage from downtown Ravenswood to and from the park. The project will require some fill to be placed in the floodplain within Washington Park to create an elevated pathway to meet the ADA requirements. The affected area will use less than 1 acre of land.

The City of Ravenswood has considered alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The pathway will be located at the furthest point allowable from the Ohio River to provide maximum recreational area to remain and will have minimal impact on the floodplain. The two affected locations are city owned and is the only location where the park access is possible. There are no Letters of Map Revisions or Amendments applicable.

The City of Ravenswood has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined there is 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 Ravenswood** at the following address on or before December 21st, 2024: **1 Wall Street, Ravenswood, WV, telephone 304-273-2621**, Attention: **Kim Benson, City Clerk**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **9 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday** at **City Hall, 1 Wall Street, Ravenswood, WV** and on the **city's website**. Comments may also be submitted via email at **kdbenson@cityofravenswood.com**.

Date: December 13, 2024