

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

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This is to give notice that **the City of Columbus, GA** 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, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for **Warren Williams and Rivers Homes RAD Conversion utilizing MTW Block Grant Funds**. The project consists of the temporary relocation of tenants, rehabilitation of 184 severely distressed public housing units, and construction activity at a low income community composed of approximately 184 rental apartments on 19.97 acres that comprise the Warren Williams and Rivers Homes site. The purpose is to modernize older, distressed housing units. Approximately 10.85 acres of the site is located within the 100-year floodplain. The proposed project(s) is located on **1200 Warren Williams Road in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia**. 10.85 or fewer acres (472,590 sf) of floodplain will be impacted with the modernization construction for the development. This area of the floodplain is currently developed property. If the property is restored to its original state it will provide essential functions such as floodwater conveyance and storage, groundwater recharge, wave attenuation, stream bank erosion control, reduction in sedimentation rates, water quality maintenance, and support of highly productive ecosystems. It will also provide benefits to humans in the form of sites for various types of water dependent development and recreational opportunities as well as cultural and scientific values.

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 is an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 **Columbus Consolidated Government** at the following address on or before June 21, 2016: **Columbus Consolidated Government**, 100 10th Street, 6th Floor, Government Center, Columbus, GA 31901 and **706-653-4013**, Attention: **Isaiah Hugley, City Manager**. Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at **ihugley@columbusga.org**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** at **420 10th Street, 2nd Floor, Government Annex, Columbus, GA 31901**.