

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100 Floodplain

Date: February 4, 2016

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **[HUD under part 50 or Responsible Entity under Part 58]** has conducted an evaluation as required by **[Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990]**, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the wetland floodplain will have on the human environment for the Community Development Block Grant under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383). This CDBG funding is through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, CDBG – Infrastructure Program, Grant # 14-I-2659. The proposed project(s) is located The proposed project is located in the Town of Marshall, in Madison County and is more specifically described as -- Replacement of 2,700 linier feet of 6” line and 1,000 of 2” line along Rollins Road, 900 LF of 6” lines and 1000 LF of 2” lines along Sams Road, 3,750 LF of 6” lines along Walnut Creek Road/Main Street/Skyway Drive, 3,700 LF of 6” lines along Hill Street and 1,500 LF of 6” lines along Redmond Road, totaling 14,550 linier feet of new waterlines. In addition to the replacement of deteriorated and leaking waterlines, the project will include valve improvements at Roberts Hills Road/Mashburn Hills line; Control Valves at Industrial Park Tank; a well treatment system at the old Skyway Drive recreation park site; and the installation of several hydrants along these routes. The project will effect less than one (1) acre within the 100 year floodplain and/or wetlands.

The Town of Marshall has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: It is the Town of Marshall’s determination that there is no practicable alternative partially locating the project in the 100 year floodplain. This is due to: 1) this project provides much needed quality water supply and service to the residents, business and governmental agencies that are located along Main Street and the Rollins Community; 2) Other alternatives would result in an excessive financial burden on the Town of Marshall’s Enterprise fund and require exurbanite water fees on the residents of Marshall; 3) The selected project design will not require any displacement of residents, businesses and governmental agencies that have been located along the Marshall Downtown Main Street and Rollins Community for over 150 years; 4) All other alternative are not economically responsible or feasible; 5) All other alternative would have a exceeding greater impact on human health, public property and floodplain values; and 6) the proposed designed project will follow all state and local wetlands protection procedures.

The Town of Marshall has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland 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. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

No Significant Impact:

The Water Infrastructure Improvement Project involves the repair, replacement and modernization of the existing water lines that are located in the public roadway, along Main Street, and Rollins Road. The footprint of these waterline improvements will have no significant increase the footprint of the existing waterlines. All work will follow all erosion control permitting requirements and all disrupted paving area will be repaired and repaved with no impact on the adjoining properties and natural environment.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands 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 about wetlands 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 wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the **Town of Marshall** at the following address on or before **February 15, at 4:30 pm**: Town Administrator, Town of Marshall, P.O. Box 548, 180 S. Main Street, Marshall, NC 28754, phone # 828-649-3031, Attention: Karen Kiehna, Town Administrator . Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at administrator@townofmarshall.org. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the above address.