

## **Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

This is to give notice that the City of Fargo, a Responsible Entity under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, 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 HOME Investment Partnerships Program under HUD grant M-19-MC-38-0220. The proposed project(s) is located at 4462 30 Ave S in Fargo, ND, Cass County. The proposed activity would result in the construction of a multifamily rental residential structure consisting of 84 units on a 3.8 acre parcel. The project site is in the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE). Up to \$400,000 in HOME funds would be provided to the activity.

The City of Fargo has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: (i) Alternative sites were not identified as they would have a negative financial impact on the proposed project and would not lead to as much of an increase in affordable housing supply (ii) the project owner, Fargo Housing and Development Authority, will construct the building 2.1 feet above Base Flood Elevation and obtain a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA at project completion. A LOMR will protect life, property, and the federal investment of HOME funds while preserving the natural benefits of the floodplain.

The City of Fargo has 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, 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 Fargo at the following address on or before August 5, 2020: City of Fargo Planning and Development, 225 4 Street North, and 701-241-1474, Attention: Tia Braseth, Community Development Planning Coordinator. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at [Planning@FargoND.gov](mailto:Planning@FargoND.gov).

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Date: July 29, 2020