

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

To: All interested Agencies including all Federal, State, and Local, Groups and Individuals.

This is to give notice that WARREN COUNTY has determined that the following proposed action under Warren County's CDBG Program activity: Demolition of Blighted Structure located at 1 E. Main Street, Youngsville, PA 16371, and CDBG Contract C000073787 is located in the 100- year floodplain, and Warren County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, 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 Protection of Wetlands.

The purpose of this proposed project is to demolish and remove the blighted commercial structure located at 1 E. Main Street, Youngsville, PA 16371. Tax Parcel YV-672-897000 is located in Warren County, PA. Size of lot is approximately .21 acres and the structure is located approximately 250 feet from the Brokenstraw Creek and in the 100 Year Floodplain. This is a large commercial building (8,610 SF) in Youngsville Borough that was constructed around 1930. It is constructed of brick and has been vacant for many years. This building has housed several businesses over the years. This building is falling down and is a safety hazards to the residents of Youngsville Borough, as it is located in an area of high vehicle and pedestrian traffic. One of the exterior brick veneer walls has collapsed and exposed the roof joists and an interior wall. The roof is in critical condition and there have been several years of water entering the wall structures, resulting in mold, and aiding to the walls collapsing. Youngsville Borough had an Asbestos inspection done on the structure and asbestos was found in some floor tiles, and duct wrap. The asbestos has been properly removed and disposed of. This project will benefit Youngsville Borough's downtown area, which has been deemed as "slum and blight", in an attempt to remove deficient structures and promote economic development opportunities and public safety. This area is highly traveled by both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This structure is considered a serious risk to public safety.

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. 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 County of Warren at the following address on or before June 25, 2020: Lorri Dunlap, Grants Administrator, Warren County Planning, 204 Fourth Avenue, Warren, PA 16365, 814-728-3516. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from this office between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm weekdays. Comments may also be submitted via email at ldunlap@warren-county.net.

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