

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that HUD under 24 CFR Part 50 or Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed activities being performed as part of the Chapin Road over Lamb Creek Bridge replacement DR-223013-INF will take place within located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. Spicer Group and the Saginaw County Road Commission will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is at the Chapin Road over Lamb Creek crossing in Chapin, MI Saginaw County. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) does not have floodplain mapping available for this project location. Because of this, the base flood elevation (100-year, 24-hour) was obtained from an independent hydraulic analysis to be used in determining the FFRMS using the freeboard value approach. The proposed project includes a full structure replacement. The proposed structure will span the bankfull width and will not have any adverse effects on the floodplain. The proposed roadway will not be located within the floodplain; however, proposed activities related to structure and riprap installation are proposed within the channel and floodplain. Approximately 0.07 acres of the proposed activities will be located within the floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain 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 project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comments about the floodplain 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 a floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Saginaw County Road Commission at the following address on or before June 5th 2025 **[a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16th day after the publication]**: Saginaw County Road Commission, 3020 Sheridan Ave., Saginaw, MI and (989) 752-6140, Attention: Dan Armentrout, Director of Engineering. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from Monday – Thursday, 6:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at ArmentroutD@scrc-mi.org.

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