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

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Carrollton, Environmental Services.

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Carrollton under Part 58 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 and wetland will have on the human environment for Hill 'N Dale project under Community Development Block Grant.

The proposed Hill 'N Dale project involves the reconstruction or resurfacing of twenty streets. The subdivision is essentially divided into sections with the first section consisting of Sherwood Lane, Fernwood Court, Elmwood Lane, Redbud Circle, Westwood Circle and Sherwood Place. Sherwood Lane connects to Josey Lane, a major north-south collector street in Carrollton. The first 760 linear feet, or 0.70 acres, of Sherwood Lane off Josey is located within a floodplain and floodway next to a City park and baseball field. The second section consists of McKamy Drive, Hilldale Cove, Hill Cove, Dale Cove, Shady View Cove, Briarcrest Cove, Meadowbrook Cove, Ridgemeadow Cove, Briar Cove, Angleridge Cove, Edgecliff Cove, Ridgeway Drive, Highmeadow Cove and Highridge Cove.

City of Carrollton has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

- Move the Road. Alternatives that involve changes to the alignment or finished grade of Sherwood Lane in order to remove the road from the floodplain would result in additional impacts to the flood plain, as well as a potential loss of valley storage. There would also be significant impacts to the properties in the surrounding area since driveway accesses would be impacted.
- 2. Do Nothing. Not performing the improvements would result in possible future loss of reliable water and sanitary sewer services, as well as further deterioration of the wearing surface of the road. This would eventually hinder access to the residences in the surrounding neighborhood which would impact the ability of first responders to reach said homes, as well as the response time.
- Close the road. Closing the road would violate the City's development code, which requires that a subdivision have at least two access routes. Closing Sherwood Lane would in essence turn the area into a large culde-sac. This would also be in violation of the City's fire code.

Sherwood Lane will be reconstructed in its current location at the existing grade in order to avoid impacts to the 100-year floodplain. Areas disturbed during the construction process will be restored to pre-project conditions in order to preserve existing conditions. The project is in compliance with federal and local floodplain protection requirements because the project will not result in increases to the 100-year flood elevation. Additionally, the project will not result in alterations to the limits of the 100-year flood plain.

City of Carrollton 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 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:

- The road is being reconstructed in its current location and the existing elevation. This results in no fill being placed in the floodplain, and no impact to the 100-year flood elevation.
- The western portion of the park on the north side of Sherwood Lane will be used for the construction staging area. This area is not in the 100-year floodplain.
- The City will monitor construction to ensure that there is full compliance with erosion control requirements, and that erosion control measures are in place and maintained.

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 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 the City of Carrollton at the following address on or before May 31, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Comments may also be submitted via email at the following email address. **Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.** 

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