## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in the Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Schulenburg (City) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, GLO Contract #24-065-096-E828, is located in a Riverine Wetland, and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland, and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Wetlands Protection.

## **Activity Type: Sewer Improvements**

<u>Project Description</u>: Subrecipient shall acquire land, install sewer line, pipe, manholes, sewer tie-ins, and complete associated appurtenances.

Sewer Project Location: City of Schulenburg, Fayette County, TX

Defining Project Location	Approximate Path	Proposed HUD Performance Measures
Along the easement between Shultz Avenue and James Avenue	From State Highway 90 southwest through easement to North Main Street 29.68073, -96.91655	879 LF
Along the easement on the northeast side of North Main Street	From the easement across the railroad tracks northeastward 1,054' 29.67944, -96.91745	1,054 LF
Along the easement along State Highway 90	From 169' east of Schultz Avenue eastward 592' 29.68180, -96.91687	592 LF

## **Activity Type: Flood and Drainage Improvements**

<u>Project Description</u>: Subrecipient shall acquire land, excavate, enlarge and line channel, install culverts, headwalls, apron and slope pavement, guardrails, curb and gutter, reconstruct road, relocate utilities, and complete associated appurtenances.

Flood/Drainage Project Location: City of Schulenburg, Fayette County, TX

Defining Project Location	Approximate Path	Proposed HUD Performance Measures
Along easement between Kallus Street and Baumgarten Street	From Kallus Street northeastward to Baumgarten Street 29.67527, -96.91045	1,212 LF
Along easement between Baumgarten Street and Wolters Avenue	From Baumgarten Street (Lat 29.676858 Long -96.909896) northeastward to Wolters Avenue (Lat 29.677409 Long -96.907974)	715 LF

Project activities to install wastewater line and perform flood and drainage improvements will affect approximately 1.6-acres identified as Riverine Wetland. The beneficial values of the wetland will not be adversely affected as the project will not change the topography and natural flow of the drainage, and best management practices will be utilized during construction. Work in the wetland will be approached under the appropriate Nationwide Permit, which will be obtained prior to construction, and work will occur within the limits and conditions of the permit.

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, 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 wetlands 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 wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City on or before 2/14/25. Please submit your request by U. S. Mail to: City of Schulenburg, P. O. Box 8, Schulenburg, TX 78956, Attn: Mayor's Office, or by email to <a href="mailto:t.walker@schulenburgtx.org">t.walker@schulenburgtx.org</a>. (979) 743-4126. A full description of the project will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail.

Date: 1/30/25