

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

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

This is to give notice that the County of Indiana under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined the following proposed action under 2016 Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Indiana Borough for the Oak Street Culvert Repair Project is located in the 100-year floodplain of White's Run, and the County of Indiana 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 Oak Street Culvert Repair project will repair and stabilize the Oak Street culvert crossing over White's Run between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets in Indiana Borough, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The project scope will be limited to the existing culvert structure. A 4 foot width section of the existing deck that is the sidewalk area will be demolished. The abutments of the culvert will be repaired and a four foot width pre-cast concrete plank beam will be pinned to the repaired abutments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the White's Run 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 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 the floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the County of Indiana at the following address on or before February 22, 2018: Indiana County Office of Planning & Development; Attn: LuAnn Zak, Assistant Director, 801 Water Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701, phone number 724-465-3870 or TDD 724-465-3805. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the same address listed. Comments may also be submitted via email at [lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us](mailto:lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us).

Date: February 6, 2018