

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

June 4, 2026



This is to give notice that Huntingdon County, under 24 CFR Part 58, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard floodplain will have on the human environment for Community Development Block Grant activities under Contract No. C000095316. The proposed project is located at Main Street, Mill Creek Borough, Huntingdon County, PA and is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.2 percent flood approach.

Huntingdon County, on behalf of Mill Creek Borough, has allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds, FFY 2025, C000095316, in the amount of \$127,098 to the Mill Creek Playground Upgrades activity, occurring at the Mill Creek Playground, located north of the intersection of Walnut Street and Main Street, Mill Creek, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed scope of work includes an overall rehabilitation of the park located within Mill Creek, Pennsylvania. Rehabilitation includes paving and lining of ADA parking spaces, milling and paving of the basketball court; and the installation of a basketball hoop with backboard, picnic tables, benches, trashcans, and fencing. Additional work includes the installation of ADA accessible walking paths within the park area.

Huntingdon County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain: no new construction will occur in the floodplain, implementation of sedimentation controls during construction activities, returning all areas of earth disturbance to their original condition prior to final completion.

Huntingdon County acknowledges compliance with state and local floodplain protection procedures and will minimize any effect this project may have on the floodplain; the activity will conform to all applicable laws, regulations, and permits; upon completion, the site will be returned to its natural contours.

Huntingdon County 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 as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 because there will be no change in the footprint of the floodplain and all areas of disturbance will be returned to their original condition.

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

Written comments must be received at one of the following addresses on or before June 11, 2026, Laurie Nearhood, Huntingdon County, 205 Penn Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652, (814) 643-5091, or Hanorah Lucas, SEDA-Council of Governments, 201 Furnace Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837, 1-800-332-6701. Comments may also be submitted via email at hlucas@seda-cog.org. A full description of the project may also be reviewed at <https://seda-cog.org/departments/community-development/environmental-reviews/>.