

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

August 13, 2026

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals



This is to give notice that Huntingdon County has determined that the following proposed action to be undertaken using Community Development Block Grant funds, Contract No. C000095316, is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. Huntingdon County 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 Federal Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 Weaver Park, Huntingdon Borough, Huntingdon County, PA. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.2 percent flood approach.

Huntingdon County on behalf of Huntingdon Borough has allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds FFY 2025, Contract Number C000095316 in the amount of \$99,010 to the George Weaver Park Inclusive Recreation Project activity occurring at Weaver Park, Huntingdon Borough, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed scope of work includes rehabilitation of Weaver Park to create ADA-compliant access through installation of ADA-compliant equipment, accessible pathways, and rehabilitation of existing facilities. The existing bathroom is outdated and will be rehabilitated to improve safety and accessibility. A kitchenette will be added to the existing storage facility to reduce barriers and improve accessibility of the facility. Additionally, a small pavilion will be constructed on site.

The project site is approximately 1.28 acres and encompasses approximately 1.28 acres of the FFRMS floodplain. All areas of earth disturbance will be returned to their original condition, best management practices will be implemented during project activities, and native plant species will be planted or restored. There will be no change in the footprint as a result of the project, and it is anticipated that there will be no adverse effects to 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 impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment 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 the floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Laurie Nearhood, Huntingdon County, 205 Penn Street, Annex 1 Building, Huntingdon PA, 16652, (814) 643-5091, and/or Larissa Hassinger, SEDA-Council of Governments, 201 Furnace Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837, (570) 524-4491, by August 28, 2026. Issues raised during the course of the review will be integrated into the decision-making process. A full description of the project may also be reviewed at <https://seda-cog.org/departments/community-development/environmental-reviews/>. Comments may also be submitted via email at lhassinger@seda-cog.org. A notice describing the Huntingdon County's findings and a public explanation of its decision will be published in this paper on or after September 3, 2026. After publication of that notice, a 7-day period will be permitted for public comment on the decision.