

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

To: All interested Agencies U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, State of Utah, and Salt Lake County, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Salt Lake County under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community and Development Block Grant Program under HCD22112CH. The proposed project(s) is located 761 West 4060 South in Millcreek, Salt Lake County. The proposed trail extension and bridge are located in West Millcreek near the Sunnyvale neighborhood, this trail is within walking distance of over 2,500 people. This community is Millcreek's most ethnically diverse neighborhood, home to refugees, working families, and people of color. This segment is also a half-mile upstream from The Road Home's Men's Resource Center and Tracy Aviary, guaranteeing tremendous use by youth, minorities, and lower-income individuals and families. The site is approximately .43 acres. This project will have minimal impact on the floodplain or wetland.

Salt Lake County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Millcreek city is the largest city on the Jordan River for which there is no extension of the Jordan River Parkway. Extending the parkway onto the east bank of the river in the area will not only increase access, but it will provide a very functional one-mile loop that is anticipated to be extremely popular. Due to the nature of the project, minimal land disturbance will occur, regardless, any land disturbed will be restored. Before construction begins, all storm water prevention steps, such as the installation of silt fencing and straw wattles will at the project's "Limits of Disturbance," boundary to mitigate any debris from the project migrating into the Jordan River, and any nearby storm water facilities. This will include along the length of the new trail, and at the riverbank where the bridge abutments are planned. Once the improvements are installed, all disturbed areas will be regraded and a native seed mix will be applied, via the hydro mulch method.

Salt Lake County has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and 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.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. **First, people who may be affected by** activities in floodplains and 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. **Second, an adequate public notice program can** be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and 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 floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Salt Lake County at the following address on or before October 15, 2022: Jennifer Jimenez, 2001 S State Street, S2-100, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 and 385-468-4871, Attention: Jennifer Wilson, Salt Lake County Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at jjimenez@slco.org.

Date: October 7, 2022