

NOTICE AND EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTION IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

March 3, 2016

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

Fairfield County has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990 to determine the potential affects that a decision to support an activity in a floodplain and wetland will have on the environment. The project being considered is the following project:

Fairfield County is proposing to carry out a neighborhood revitalization program in the Village of Baltimore. Proposed projects include re-paving 1,350 LF of Mill Street, and re-lining 1,370 LF of storm sewer, and rehabilitating four existing manholes and fourteen existing catch basins along Park and Johnson Streets. The project will reduce flooding in an LMI residential area and prevent the deterioration of an existing residential roadway. The FEMA FIRM's for Baltimore, 39045 C0151G and 39045C0153G, effective January 6, 2012, indicate that, as proposed, portions of the projects are in a flood plain. Therefore, the Eight-Step Flood Plain Decision-Making Process will be implemented.

Fairfield County has determined that approval of the project will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. It has been determined that the proposed projects may be located in the 100-year flood plain and/or wetlands, and steps will be taken to meet any required federal regulations.
2. Alternatives to the project have been considered and there are no practical alternatives to the proposed activities. The sole alternative to the improvements is to not undertake the projects. However, the project will address local flooding in an LMI residential area, and result both directly and indirectly in related community benefits.
3. Carrying out the projects will not encourage development in the flood plains.

Comments on the proposal project may be submitted to the Fairfield County Commissioners within 7 days of the concurrent publication and dissemination of this notice. Comments can be received through March 10, 2016.

Other agencies involved with this evaluation include:

- Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- ODNR Water Division Flood Plain Management, Unit W
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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