

City of Columbus
90 W Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
June 26, 2026

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Columbus (as Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58) has determined that the following proposed action under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant (Grant Number B-25-MC-39-0009) is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and the City of Columbus will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by 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 900 N Nelson Road, Columbus, Ohio 43223, Parcel Number 010-212422-00.

The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) is redeveloping an area into North Star Park by including play equipment, reflective space, play mounds, seating areas, artistic installations, educational signage and a story trail. Improvements to the existing Hayden Park requires the CRPD acquire land from the adjacent Columbus Metropolitan Library. The park improvements improve connectivity to trails and surrounding community.

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 project impacts on the floodplain. 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 the City of Columbus at the email address grantsmgmt@columbus.gov on or before July 11, 2026.