

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Project Name: Hardin Co MIT MOD - StreetDrainage - Kountze
State/Local Identifier: 24-065-065-E596 / B-18-DP-48-0002

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by **Hardin County**.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **August 13, 2025**, Hardin County, will submit a request to the General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended to undertake a project known as **Hardin Co MIT MOD - StreetDrainage - Kountze, # 24-065-065-E596 / B-18-DP-48-0002** for the purpose of **improving the drainage system to the residents of Kountze in all storm events, including both minor storms and major tropical storm events.**

Project Location:

All work will occur in the City of Kountz, Hardin County, Texas in the following locations:

Roadside Ditch Improvements

- 1ST STREET from Blackgum St. to 450' west of N. Cherry St.
- 2ND STREET from N. Oak St. to 110' west of N. Cherry St.
- 3RD STREET from N. Oak St. to 110' west of N. Cherry St.
- 4TH STREET from Blackgum St. to 90' west of N. Cherry St.
- ROW on north side of ALLEN ST from Tubb St. to Feagin St.
- ALLUMS STREET from Old FM 418 to 170' west of N. Cherry St.
- N. ASH STREET from 1st St. to Hwy 418 W
- S. ASH STREET from Deer St. to E Brown St.
- ROW ON NORTH SIDE OF BARRET STREET from Feagin St. to Villa Rd
- N. BEECH STREET from Hwy 418 W to 1st St.
- S. BEECH STREET from E Deer St. to E Brown St
- BEAR STREET from Old FM 418 to 180' west of N. Cherry St.
- BLACKGUM STREET from 1st St. to 2,914' northwest
- E. BROWN STREET southernmost section from the E Brown Street Fork east 1,132' to end
- E. BROWN STREET from Alums St. to 170' west of N. Cherry St.
- CARIKER STREET from Otis St. to Allen St.

- ROW ON NORTH SIDE OF CHARLES STREET from Allison St. to Riggs St.
- N. CHERRY STREET from 2nd t. to 3rd St.
- N. CHERRY STREET from 3rd St. to Hwy 418 W
- S. CHERRY STREET from E Brown St. to E Deer St.
- CYPRESS STREET from 1st St. to 230' north of 4th St.
- CYPRESS STREET from Bear St. to Deer St.
- CYPRESS STREET from Deer St. north 537'
- ROW NORTH OF DALE STREET from Tubb St. to Villa Rd.
- DEER STREET from Old FM 418 to 190' west of S. Cherry St.
- FEAGIN STREET from 40' north of Allen St. to Tubb St.
- FOX STREET from Old FM 418 to 215' west of N. Cherry St.
- KIMBERLY LANE from E. Williford Rd. north 359' to end
- ROW NORTH OF LINDSEY STREET from Feagin St. to Tubb St.
- ROW NORTH OF M.L. KING STREET from Pan-Am Rd. to Villa Rd.
- MARSHALL STREET from 50' north of Allen St. to 918' south
- MILL STREET from E Brown St. to 170' west of N. Cherry St.
- S. OAK STREET from E. Brown St. to Deer St.
- N. OAK STREET from 2nd St. to 1st St
- N. OAK STREET from Hwy 418 W to 3rd St.
- OLD FM 418 from Allums St. to Deer St.
- ROW NORTH OF OTIS STREET from Feagin St. to Tubb St.
- ROW ON EAST OF PAN-AM ROAD from M.L. King St. to 40' north of Dale St.
- ROW ON EAST SIDE OF RIGGS STREET from Charles St. to 75' north of Barrett St.
- ROW N OF SMITH STREET from Feagin St. to Tubb St.
- ROW NORTH OF TIGER STREET east 470' then north on Tiger St. 270' to end
- TUBB ST from Allison St. to Allen St.
- ROW NORTH OF E. VANDERBURG STREET from Villa Rd. to Feagin St.
- E. VANDERBURG STREET from Feagin St. to Tubb St.
- VILLA ROAD from Rocky Richardson Rd. south 3,558'
- N. WALNUT STREET from 1st St. to 160' north of 4th St.
- S. WALNUT STREET from Deer St. to E Brown St.
- WALTERS LANE from E Williford Rd north 800'
- WIGGINS STREET from Feagin St. to Tubb St.
- E. WILLIFORD from Wallers Ln. to Hwy 287

Channel Improvements

- ROW ON EAST SIDE OF E BROWN ST. from E. Williford Rd (30.37047, -94.30961) northeast 5,248' (30.37716, -94.29661)
- ROW ON THE EAST SIDE OF CHILE DANIEL ROAD and 1,300' North of Hwy 418 W (30.38409, -94.31148) to south to Hwy 418 W (30.38136, -94.31135)
- ROW ON THE EAST SIDE OF CHILE DANIEL ROAD and 1,300' North of Hwy 418 (30.38409, -94.31148) to southwest 1,044 l.f. to Villa Rd (30.38282, -94.31442)
- ROW ON NORTH SIDE OF DALE ST. from the intersection of Feagin St and Dale St. southeast to the west side of Chile Daniel Rd. and 1,300' North of Hwy 418 W (30.38409, -94.31148)
- ROW 70' EAST OF THE EASTERN END OF TIGER ST (30.37675, -94.30692) southeast 1,241' (30.37574, -94.30339)

- ROW 100' SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF SMITH ST AND FEGIN ST. southeast to Barret St. 115' east of the intersection of Riggs St. and Barrett St. (30.38985, -94.31712)

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

Provide Roadside Ditch and Channel Improvements. Construction activities include:

- Driveway Culvert Replacements - 3,000 LF
- Roadside Ditch Excavation - 122,000 LF
- Channel Clearing and Shaping - 14,100 LF

Project forecast cost \$23,894,500 and will be paid for with \$23,894,500 in HUD CDBG-MIT grant funds administered by the General Land Office.

Project Issues: Endangered Species, Historic Preservation and Wetlands Protection: A full, detailed list of mitigation measures can be found in the Environmental Review Record.

Project Size and Beneficiaries

The total area of disturbance will be 29.46 acres and will impact 2,019 persons. Of those persons, 985 or (48.79%) are of low to moderate income.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Hardin County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the **Hardin County Courthouse, 300 West Monroe Street, Kountze, Texas** and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to **Hardin County Courthouse, 300 West Monroe Street, Kountze, Texas 77625**. All comments received by **August 12, 2025** or within eighteen (18) days following this posting (whichever is later) will be considered by Hardin County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Hardin County certifies to GLO that **Wayne McDaniel**, in their capacity as **County Judge** consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Hardin County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and Hardin County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Hardin County; (b) Hardin County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by GLO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Judge Wayne McDaniel