

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Wapato has determined that the following proposed action under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Contract No. 15-62210-032 is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the City of Wapato 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 Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project is reconstruction of the Wapato sewer lift station, funded by the HUD CDBG program. The project will include a new wet well, submersible pumps, controls/electrical, emergency backup generator, and security fencing on a footprint of approximately 120 sq. ft. The proposed project is not expected to adversely affect any natural or beneficial floodplain values. The proposed project(s) is located in the west side of the N. Track Road right-of-way, immediately southwest of 20 E. Wapato Road, in Wapato, WA, Yakima County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains 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 floodplains 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, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Wapato at the following address on or before February 22, 2016: City of Wapato, 205 E. 3rd Street, Wapato, WA 98951, Attention: Sue Pearson, Clerk/Treasurer, or call (509) 877-2334. A full description and location map of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 to 1:00 and 2:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday at the above address and <http://www.wapato-city.org/publicworks/PublicNotice-ProposedActivityin100-yearFloodplain-Jan2016.html>. Comments may also be submitted via email at [info@wapato-city.org](mailto:info@wapato-city.org).