

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

May 11, 2026

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *Houston Public Works Department (HPW)*.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 27, 2026; the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department, as Responsible Entity, on behalf of City of Houston Public Work Department, will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Mitigation (MIT) funds under the Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as Braeburn Glen Area Drainage Improvements for the purpose of reducing flood risk in the Braeburn Glen area by increasing the conveyance capacity of the storm sewer system and offsetting this increase by constructing a downstream stormwater detention pond in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The total estimated funding for the project is \$34,186,253.46, with \$6,314,409.66 requested from CDBG-MIT (B-18-DP-48-0002). Additional non-federal funds include \$3,100,000.00 from the Harris County Flood Control District and \$24,771,843.80 from the City of Houston 4042- Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) Capital Fund-Drainage Charge. No other federal funds are expected for this project.

The proposed Project is located on 144.00 acres (ac) and consists of two areas: the Braeburn Glen neighborhood extending from Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) to South Gessner Road, including a portion of Braeburn Glen Boulevard extending across Brays Bayou; and a proposed detention pond area located at 9100 Fondren Road, southwest of the intersection of Fondren Road and Wanda Lane in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

The proposed 144.00-ac Project would upgrade the existing storm sewer system within the Braeburn Glen neighborhood and construct a downstream detention basin to mitigate for increased flows into Brays Bayou. This Project is functionally dependent on the floodway and floodplain and would enhance drainage capacity and reduce flood risk to the surrounding area, resulting in beneficial impacts to the floodplain and low to moderate income (LMI) populations within the Project Area. The current storm sewer system within the Project Area has a level of service (LOS) of less than 2 years; the proposed Project would bring the storm sewer system up to a 10-year LOS. Specifically, the Project would include the following: replace existing inadequate storm sewer system along South Gessner Road with a larger capacity system varying from 36 inches to 84 inches; replace existing inadequate storm sewer system along Mahoning Drive with a larger capacity system varying from 48 inches to 84 inches; replace existing inadequate storm sewer system along Braeburn Glen Boulevard with a larger capacity system varying from 30 inches to 84 inches; re-route the storm sewer system along Valley View Lane with the Mahoning System to outfall into the upgraded outfall at Braeburn Glen Boulevard and abandon the two inadequate existing outfalls along Valley View Lane in place; replace pavement where it is impacted by the

storm sewer replacement, including South bound lanes of S. Gessner Rd and Construct a 57.49 ac-foot capacity dry bottom detention pond with 4.5:1 side slopes, a 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) outfall into Brays Bayou, a concrete overflow weir with 5:1 side slopes, and an 18 inch thick riprap pad. All work would occur above the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of Brays Bayou and no impacts to Brays Bayou are anticipated. No new right-of-way (ROW) or property acquisition is anticipated as part of this Project; therefore, no displacements are anticipated to occur. The proposed Project is anticipated to have no impacts to airport hazards, coastal barrier resources, coastal zone management, farmlands, sole source aquifers, wetlands, or wild and scenic rivers, as these resources are not present within the Project Area. Minor impacts to noise, air quality, and migratory birds would be mitigated through resource-specific best management practices (BMPs). Project construction is anticipated to begin in July 2026, achieve substantial completion in August 2027, and close out in November 2027.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department. ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. All comments received by the close of business on May 26, 2026, will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Appointments for office visits to view the project description/environmental review in person are recommended to avoid any potential for delays. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston certifies to the GLO that John Whitmire in his capacity as Mayor 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. The GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Houston to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

The GLO, acting in the role of HUD, will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department'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 the City of Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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 the 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, the Texas General Land Office - Community Development and Revitalization at PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711 -2873, env.review@recover.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*John Whitmire, Mayor
City of Houston*