

# **PROJECT SPECIFIC PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Herculaneum has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funding through the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA).

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Sub-Applicant:** City of Herculaneum

**Project Title:** 2022-PU-00424 (45307); Herculaneum MO Boat House

**Location of Proposed Work:**

| <b>Street Address</b>             | <b>Latitude, Longitude</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 400 Riverport Way, Herculaneum MO | 38.261974, -90.372480      |

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

Work will take place within the Mississippi River, an AE Zone and Regulatory Floodway. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Jefferson County Unincorporated Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 29099C0263F, effective on 06/20/2019. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location with the Regulatory Floodway. The proposed work will take place within wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The City of Herculaneum proposes to install a new one-story floating steel boat house that will house two marine vessels and essential equipment. It will be attached to the existing floating barge and will have solar panels and a small heater. This project aims to properly secure the City's water vehicles from ill-intent while providing a rapid response vessel to support the community and local jurisdictions. The City of Herculaneum will be required to coordinate with the Local Floodplain Administrator and with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure compliance with local floodplain regulations and the Clean Water Act, respectively. As such, there should be improved service during emergencies, and no adverse impacts to the floodplain

or wetlands should occur.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would result in the city having diminished capabilities when trying to respond to marine emergencies. Without a boat slip to house the vessel, the city is required to drive to a neighboring jurisdiction and go through multiple additional steps to launch. This takes a significant amount of time which is a limited resource during emergencies.

**Alternative #2** (Utilize a home-made boat slip): While the city originally utilized a home-made boat slip to deploy their emergency response water vehicles, it was damaged by the severe weather and rendered unusable. The city would still be able to rapidly launch their vessel by rebuilding in-kind, however it was also an open structure. The expensive equipment was open to the elements. The proposed structure will provide security and protection and have a significantly longer life than the original boat slip.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the following email: [teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [2022-PU-00424 (45307) 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**End of Notice**