

Floodplain and Wetland Notice of Explanation
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies **all Federal, State, and Local** Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **Hyden-Leslie Water District under 24 CFR Part 58** has conducted an evaluation as required by **Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990**, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its project in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for **Wilder Branch Pump Station Project**. The proposed project in the Leslie County, Kentucky. The purpose of this project is to install 2 pump stations and do site work at 2 locations.

The Hyden-Leslie Water District has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The Hyden-Leslie Water District evaluated alternatives. The first option is to continue to operate tanks as they exist and as the district’s budget allows, but that is not cost efficient. The second option is to do nothing, but that is not feasible. The third option is to construct the project as designed. **Part of the project may be in the 100-year floodplain as designated by the September 28, 2007 FEMA Floodplain Maps; with very minimal impacts to the floodplain areas.**

The Hyden-Leslie Water District has re-evaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of [Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990], are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

The construction of the Wilder Branch Pump Station Project in the floodplain areas will disturb very minimal surface area during construction, as the area is already disturbed. The Hyden-Leslie Water District is seeking funding from the CDBG-DR Fund in the amount of \$1,170,000 for the install of 1 Duplex pump station and site work at Wilder Branch to include a permanent generator, 1 duplex pump station and site work at Trace Branch to include a permanent generator, 1 duplex pump station telemetry package for Wilder Branch and 1 duplex pump station telemetry package for Trace Branch. It will also include a telemetry repeater at the hospital hill tank, a central telemetry unit at the water treatment plant, 39 water meters with radio read, 39 of the 5/8” x 3/4” tandem setter tub w/IPRV (installed), and electrical service to both pump stations. This is the most economical and least environmentally impacting alternative considered.

Written comments must be received by the **Kentucky River Area Development District** at the following address on or before **April 4, 2025: Kentucky River Area Development District, 941 North Main Street Hazard, KY 41701 and (606) 436-3158, Attention: Lisa Napier, Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development**, during the hours of **8am- 4:30pm Monday through Friday**. Comments may also be submitted via email at **lisa@kradd.org**.

Date: March 20, 2025



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