

**Notice of a Public Review of a Proposed  
Activity in or within Proximity of a 100-Year Floodplain Area for Proposed Fencing  
Improvements at the Ames Municipal Airport.**

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Ames, Iowa has determined that the proposed Wildlife Fencing project at the Ames Municipal Airport, supported by Federal Aviation Administration funding, is located in or within proximity to a 100-year and 500-year floodplain area. The city has evaluated practicable alternatives and the potential impacts on floodplain resources from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F - Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures.

The proposed project involves the installation of a perimeter wildlife fence at the Ames Municipal Airport. A recently conducted Wildlife Hazard Assessment stated that a perimeter wildlife fence should be installed to prevent issues with wildlife entering the Aircraft Operations Area (AOA). The installation of a tall perimeter fence would also reduce unwanted human access to the AOA. The proposed wildlife perimeter fence would generally follow the airport property boundary; however, the proposed fence departs from portions of the airport property boundary to avoid impacts to wetlands and/or stormwater facilities. The proposed construction limits include a buffer of 25 feet on either side of the proposed fence.

The project area is located in proximity of the FEMA effective 100-year and 500-year FEMA floodplain for Worle Creek Tributary 1 and Unnamed Creek B (07080105001660). The proposed fence alignment near Unnamed Tributary B avoids the established 100-year and 500-year FEMA floodplain. The proposed fence alignment near Worle Creek Tributary 1 is located within or near a FEMA Zone AE floodplain. The proposed fence is above the elevation of the lintel beam or the top of the box culvert and are above the established 100-yr flood plain elevations at the crossing location for Worle Creek Tributary 1.

Coordination with regulatory authorities and local agencies is underway and will continue throughout the project. The city will ensure all permits and approvals are received prior to construction activities.

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 submitted to Damion Pregitzer, City of Ames, at [dpregitzer@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:dpregitzer@city.ames.ia.us) on or before **June 24, 2024**.

A full description of the project will be made available upon request.

A copy of the draft Categorical Exclusion documentation is available at the City Clerk's office at 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa.

**Date of Notice (Ames Tribune & City Website): June 9, 2024**

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