

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTION PARTIALLY WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

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To: All interested agencies, groups and individuals.

This is to give notice that Henry County under Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action with the Dick and Willie Passage Trail Phase 6a-2 is located in 100 year floodplain and the County will be identifying, 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.

This trail construction project will utilize funds available through the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER project. Within the 100-year floodplain project activities include construction of a mile-long segment of the 2.96-mile gap in the Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment. Phase 6A entails 10,742' of new Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment and 1,461' sidewalk connection. This funding is for Phase 6A-2, the final mile of the 2.96-mile gap known as Phase 6A. Preliminary design plans anticipate the following floodplain impacts: 156 linear feet of trail and bridge, 6,120 SF of disturbance within the floodplain.

The entire Phase 6A trail section will extend from Dick & Willie Passage Trail Phase 5 (to the north) to the Spruce Street trailhead (to the south).

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain 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 important and important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain could facilitate and enhance federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of the 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 Henry County at the following address on or before August 21, 2023: Henry County, P.O. Box 7, Collinsville, VA 24078, ATTN: Dale Wagoner,

County Administrator and Phone: 276-634-4600. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the Office of Engineering, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA 24112 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Comments may also be submitted by email to dwagoner@co.henry.va.us