

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF PROPOSED ACTION LOCATED WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN
FINAL NOTICE

PURPOSE: The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that the City of Johns Creek, Georgia, is proposing to use federal funds under the HUD Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) within a FEMA designated 100-year floodplain. The proposed project would involve providing Americans with Disability Act (ADA) components to city parks. The extent of improvements to park facilities will include constructing accessibility ramps and installing handrails to existing buildings, providing ADA components to restrooms, and resurfacing existing walkways for wheelchair accessibility.

This notice is required by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management, and by Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11990 for the Protection of Wetlands, and is implemented by HUD Regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20(b) for the HUD action that is within and/or affects a floodplain or wetland.

The City of Johns Creek completed an evaluation concerning potential impacts on the floodplain and possible alternative actions. The proposed project would involve improvements to existing structures and walkways/sidewalks that may be located within a 100-year floodplain. The City has determined that no practicable alternatives were available, and has concluded that the proposed project must occur for the overall accessibility of city parks to those that may be severely handicapped and/or elderly.

Possible alternatives for the proposed project are not feasible. Those buildings that would require implementation of ADA components are already existing structures, and relocating those buildings to other areas of the park will warrant unnecessary costs to the city and may require disturbance of preserved greenspace. The City would also note that most, if not all of the park structures/buildings are located outside the floodplain. ADA improvements made will be limited to existing impervious surfaces only and will not require additional land disturbance.

The City of Johns Creek has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents floodplain information and contains a full description of each proposed action to be carried out under the CDBG program. The ERR is on file at City Hall and is available for public examination upon request.

Final approval of the proposed project will not be made until those interested parties, individuals or agencies have had an opportunity to comment. Written comments for consideration by the City of Johns Creek may be sent to cdbg@johnscreekga.gov or to the attention of the CDBG Program Director, 12000 Findley Road, Suite 400, Johns Creek, GA 30097. Comments will be received until November 12, 2009.

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City of Johns Creek, Georgia