Public Notice Regarding the Section 106 Review and Adverse Effects for two (2) acquisition and demolitions in the City of Fort Worth, Texas under the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA) – Seeking Public Comment

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is issuing this Public Notice as part of its responsibilities under the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA). This notice applies to activities carried out by the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA). The objective of the FMA program is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP. The Texas Water Development Board has applied for FEMA funds to enable the City of Fort Worth to acquire and demolish two properties in the Hill Crest area of the Central Arlington Heights Neighborhood.

The City of Fort Worth proposes to acquire and demolish (2) residences under the FEMA FMA Grant Program. FEMA has determined that these structures are contributing elements to a National Register Historic District eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and, as such, are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The residences are located within the National Register of Historic Places eligible Hill Crest Historic District which is bounded to the west by Western Avenue, to the east by Clover Lane, to the south by El Campo Avenue and to the north by Camp Bowie Boulevard. As proposed, the acquisition and demolitions will constitute an Adverse Effect to Historic Properties under 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1).

FEMA, in consultation with the Texas Historical Commission and other consulting parties, are in coordination to resolve any adverse effects of the Undertaking and thereby satisfy FEMA's responsibilities in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

Any member of the public can provide comments on the proposed Undertaking and subsequent development of an agreement document. Please provide this information to FEMA by August 17, 2019.

Comments can be emailed to: FEMA-R6-EHP@fema.dhs.gov
Or mailed to: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region 6 Environmental and Historic Preservation
800 N. Loop 288
Denton, Texas 76209

Post your comments soon – all comments must be posted or postmarked by August 17, 2019.

1 The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has issued guidance titled Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen’s Guide to Section 106 Review. For more information regarding the Section 106 review process this document can be found at https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf