

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Dayton under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the RiverScape MetroPark Infrastructure Improvement Program funded from CPF Grant B-24-CP-OH-1777 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and the City of Dayton will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 237 E. Monument Ave. in Dayton, Montgomery County. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using 0.2 percent flood approach. Five Rivers MetroParks would like to utilize Congressional Earmark funding for RiverScape MetroPark to replace and replace aging systems, replace or realign pavers, replace furniture and signage, replace event support systems like lighting and the stage, redesign and renovate the bike hub, replace aged plantings, and renovate some grounds to better withstand flooding from the river. The Miami River that flows through Dayton helps to recharge the underlying Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer which provides water to over a million people in the Dayton Region. The Miami Conservancy District operates an integrated flood protection system along the river which helps to prevent flooding. The river provides many recreational benefits, including paddling, fishing, and biking and walking along the paved trails surrounding the river. The river has historical value due to the history of transportation through the canal network and development that formed around it. The RiverScape MetroPark is located adjacent to the river and serves as a downtown open space with many amenities for those who live, work, play, and go to school in the greater downtown area. RiverScape MetroPark is approximately 4.8 acres and located fully within a 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard FFRMS floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in a 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 project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the floodplain 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 a floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Dayton at the following address on or before July 14, 2025: City of Dayton, 101 West Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402 and 937-333-3810, Jordan Bereda, Community Development Specialist I. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 101 West Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402 and <https://www.daytonohio.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=68>. Comments may also be submitted via email at Jordan.Bereda@daytonohio.gov.

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