

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 500-year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Town of Christiansburg has conducted an evaluation 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Appalachian Regional Commission under VA-20106. The proposed project is located on a portion of Hickok Street between College Street and W Main Street in downtown Christiansburg and will construct a permanent farmers market structure and gathering place. The steel and timber arcade will be approximately 154 feet in length. The proposed project is located on Hickok Street, adjacent to 53 W Main Street in the Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County. The project area is approximately .53 acres.

The Town of Christiansburg has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: beginning in late 2021, a Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue-Sharing project will construct a major storm drainage system to reroute a branch of Crab Creek and eliminate future flooding hazards to the project area. Upon completion of this work, the project will be in compliance with both state and local floodplain protection procedures.

Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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. 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 received by the Town of Christiansburg at the following address on or before September 22, 2021: Town of Christiansburg, 100 E Main Street and 540-382-6128, Attention: Randy Wingfield, Town Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the address above and online at www.christiansburg.org. Comments may also be submitted via email at rwingfield@christiansburg.org.