

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Great Bend, Kansas, has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM), Kansas Adjutant General's Department, as a Sub-applicant.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 Floodplain Management, and EO 11990 Wetlands Protection, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. The public is invited to participate in the review. The public may identify alternatives for restoring the facility and may participate in analyzing the impact of the alternatives on the facility and the floodplain.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Sub-applicant:**

City of Great Bend

**Project Title:**

Great Bend City Wide Utilities Damages, PA-07-KS-4449P-PW749

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	GPS	Original Construction
Site 1: Manhole Cover Base	Quail Creek Drive, Great Bend, KS	38.377601, -98.805124	1970
Site 4: Wastewater Treatment Plant-UV Treatment System	200 Kiowa Road, Great Bend, KS	38.35472, -98.73278	1970
Site 5: Wastewater Treatment Plant-Primary Wet Well Piping	200 Kiowa Road, Great Bend, KS	38.354480, -98.733386	1970

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

Wastewater Treatment Plant repairs are considered a critical action. All work is located in the Shaded X Flood Zone, otherwise known as the area of 0.2 percent annual chance of flooding, per FEMA flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) for Barton County Unincorporated Areas, panels 20009C0370E dated February 15, 2019, and 20009C0530D dated September 2, 2009. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Kansas and local floodplain regulations.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Site 1: A manhole leading to a wastewater pipe had damage to the manhole cover base. Project activities include grouting and sealing damaged areas -.

Site 4: A UV treatment system on one side of a 3 ft. x 20 ft. x 4 ft. treatment channel was damaged. Project activities include repair and replacement of UV bulbs, sleeves, ballasts and electrical system to return the UV treatment system to pre-disaster form, function and capacity.

Site 5: A 16 ft. length of 10 in. stainless steel pipe was damaged. Project activities include replacing pipe to pre-disaster form, function and capacity.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Preferred Alternative:** Repair manhole and wastewater treatment facilities to pre-disaster form, function and capacity as described above. This is the option pursued by City of Great Bend.

**Other Alternative #1 (No Action):** The no-action alternative would leave the manhole and waste-water treatment plant damaged, and subject area residents to potential health and safety issues. This is not a viable option.

**Other Alternative #2 (Relocation):** This alternative would be for the relocation of the sewage transport and treatment system outside of the 500-year floodplain. This option is not feasible as the facility is part of a larger, established utility system that services the health and safety needs of residents in the area.

**Comment Period,**

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Comments can be submitted via email to FEMA at [kate.stojsavljevic@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:kate.stojsavljevic@fema.dhs.gov). Please use the subject line: "KS-4449P-PW749, City of Great Bend Utility Damages, Floodplain Comments"

Interested persons may also submit comments and questions in writing, or request a map of this specific project, by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 7, 11224 Holmes Road; Kansas City, MO 64131. Written comments should be sent with the subject line "KS-4449P-PW749, City of Great Bend Utility Damages, Floodplain Comments" to the above address within 15 days of the date of posting.

All comments must be submitted no later than 15 days from the posted date of this notice.

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**End of Notice**