

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

A notice appeared in this newspaper on May 16, 2011, inviting participation in the floodplain management decision-making process. Specifically, we invited comments regarding a program being proposed by the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) proposal to use federal funds under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program within a FEMA designated 100-year floodplain. It has been determined that the correct floodplain have been corrected. **The Davidson County target area** contains floodplains and residential project sites could be located within Flood Zones AE, AH, AR, A99, and X, as designated by the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The map can be viewed at www.tn.gov/environment/swm/ppo with this public notice.

PROJECT: **Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration-** State of Tennessee
Grant agreement number: TNLHD0219-10
Award Amount: \$4,500,000
Performance Period: March 1, 2011 to August 31, 2014

PURPOSE: This project targets Nashville-Davidson County over the 42-month grant period. For the grant, TDEC Lead-Safe Tennessee will: reduce lead-based paint hazards using abatement and interim controls in 242 existing units; provide free training to low to very-low income individuals in lead-based paint abatement; conduct targeted blood lead testing of children less than 6-years; conduct outreach, education and marketing.

LOCATION: Davidson County, Tennessee.

The State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation completed an evaluation concerning potential impacts on the floodplain and possible alternative actions. The proposed program could involve projects located within a 100-year floodplain. The conclusion was that there is no practicable alternative to the possibility of potential projects being located within the following Flood Zones AE, AH, AR, A99, and X. It has been determined that the program must occur within the intended target area/areas, as described above.

The alternatives considered included: 1) Funding the proposed program in other areas of the jurisdiction; 2) relocation of housing units and families; 3) no action.

These alternatives were rejected for the following reasons: 1) the greatest need for the intended program was found to be in the designated target area/areas and those units/families in need of the housing services exist in all areas of the target area/areas; 2) it is cost prohibitive and not feasible to physically move or raise structures out of the floodplain; 3) a no action alternative would certainly not serve to maintain affordable, safe (from lead-based paint or other housing-based health hazards as appropriate) housing for families.

In order to minimize risk and potential loss (to life, health, and financial investment), owners, and tenants will be notified that their units are located in the floodplain and flood insurance will be a required contingency to participation in the grant program. The

amount and period of coverage will conform to the National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the subject program has been made by the above-named jurisdiction which documents floodplain information and contains a full description of the proposed actions. The ERR is on file at the address listed above and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. CDST.

Final approval of the *Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program* will not be granted until/unless interested groups, individuals, or agencies have had an opportunity to comment. Written comments for consideration on this proposal may be sent to Adrienne White, TDEC, Toxic Substances Program, 5th Floor, L & C Tower, 401 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37243-1535; phone 615.532.0885; Fax 615.532.0886; or e-mail at Adrienne.White@tn.gov. Written comments should be received at the above address on or before 4:30 p.m. CDST on June 15, 2011 to assure consideration.

Information regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations concerning floodplain management may be obtained by contacting: Karen M. Griego-West, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, U.S. Department of HUD, 611 West 6th Street, Suite 805, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213.534.2458) E-mail: karen.m.griego-west@hud.gov. Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

TDEC is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access and affirmative action. Contact the EEO/AA Coordinator at 1-888-867-7455 or the ADA Coordinator at 1-866-253-5827 for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

Date of Notice: June 8, 2011