

Early Notice for Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the Floodplain

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Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc.
5607 NW 27th Avenue
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To: All Interested Agencies [SHPO, THPO and FEMA], Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that *Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc. (JTCHS)*, under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has determined that the following proposed action is located within the 100-year floodplain. JTCHS will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

The project involves construction of a new Pediatric Center located at 7440 NW 26th Avenue, Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida. The primary purpose of this project is to expand JTCHS's capacity to provide comprehensive pediatric care, improve access to healthcare services for children and families, and help address the increasing need for quality healthcare within the surrounding community. The project involves construction of a new Pediatric Center that will include medical examination rooms, dental operatories, sterilization space, a family-oriented lobby and waiting area, therapeutic outdoor space, surface parking, landscaping, utility infrastructure, site lighting, and signage. There are no listed species habitat or cultural resources which could be affected by the proposed project. There are approximately 2 acres of flood zone AH 100-year floodplain located within the project area.

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. 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 impacts. 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 Jasmine Vargas-Alexander at the following address on or before October 2, 2026, 5607 NW 27th Ave, Miami Florida 33142 and (305) 805-1700. A full description of the project may also be reviewed in person at the above listed address Monday through Friday, 8 am until 4 pm. Comments may also be submitted via email at JVAlexander@jtchs.org.

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Environmental Certifying Official