

**FEMA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FOR THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND
DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR THE
DENHAM SPRINGS HOUSING AUTHORITY, CHANGE OF LOCATION PROJECT
DENHAM SPRINGS, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the draft EA is to assess the effects on the human and natural environment for the relocation and construction a new affordable housing apartment complex in Denham Springs, Louisiana. DSHA proposes to relocate and reconstruct the existing DSHA facility located at 600 Eugene Street. The new site is located on Florida Boulevard Highway approximately 1.5 miles from the original DSHA location located at Lat/Long: 30.483039, -90.937535, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726. The site for the new location is approximately +/- 29.5 acres in total; however, the new DSHA facility would be situated on 5 acres of land. The new facility will consist of a single-story complex consisting of an administrative building and 20 housing buildings (to include one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom individual housing units); concrete roads with parking spaces and sidewalks; and a detention pond and swale within an estimated five (5) acre parcel. Additional construction activities include demolition of the existing flooded buildings, landscape, and roadways at the original site.

The purpose of the draft EA is to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the preferred action and alternatives. The draft EA evaluates a No Action Alternative; the Preferred Alternative: relocation and construction of the new housing development at an alternative site; and an Action Alternative: repair reconstruction of the DSHA facility at its current location. The draft FONSI is FEMA's finding that the proposal would not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The draft EA and draft FONSI are available for review at the City of Denham Springs Office of Planning and Development at 116 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726 (hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 7:00 am – 5:30 pm, Friday – Sunday closed) and the Denham Springs – Walker Library at 8101 U.S. Highway 190, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726 (hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed on Sunday). This public notice will run as a display ad for three (3) days. The public notice is being published in *The Livingston Parish News*, the paper of record for Livingston Parish, on Thursday October 26, 2023; Thursday, November 2, 2023; Thursday, November 9, 2023; and in *The Advocate* on Thursday October 26, 2023; Friday, October 27, 2023; Monday, October 30, 2023. The documents will be available for download from FEMA's website and the Denham Spring Housing Authority website at <http://www.denhamspringshousingauthority.org/>. In addition, there will be a thirty (30) day comment period, beginning on Thursday October 26, 2023, and concluding on Monday, November 27, 2023. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA and associated draft FONSI will become final.