

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Winfield, 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-recipient.

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 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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 Winfield, Kansas

Project Title:

166665 City of Winfield Parks and Recreational Facilities, PA-07-KS-4449P-PW429

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	GPS	Date of Original Construction
City of Winfield Fairgrounds Park	1105 W. 9 th Avenue, Winfield, KS 67156	37.23684, -97.01023	Approximately 1950
City of Winfield Broadway Sports Complex	2200 Broadway, Winfield, KS 67156	37.22552, -96.98433	2001

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project performed work in the Regulatory Floodway, Zone AE, otherwise known as the area of 1% annual chance of flooding, per City of Winfield FIRM panel 20035C0332D dated October 19, 2010, and Cowley County Unincorporated Areas FIRM panel 20035C0351D, dated October 19, 2010.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

City of Winfield, Kansas, proposes to use FEMA Public Assistance Grant funds to complete repairs and upgrades to park facilities, as well as replace lost and damaged items. City of Winfield improvements are:

Broadway Sports Complex

- Replaced damaged electrical transformer
- Replaced damaged drywall, studs, and floor base boards of Umpire Pavilion

Winfield Fairgrounds Park

- Demolished ball field restroom building and replaced with ADA portable restroom
- Replaced damaged fixtures in Grandstand Pavilion bathrooms
- Replaced damaged siding, lighting, and emergency fixtures in park buildings
- Replaced Wooden Power poles
- Replaced electrical poles and components at the Fairgrounds campground
- Planted grass seed and trees for slope protection

Project Alternatives:

Preferred Alternative (Repair and upgrade in place): This is the option being pursued by the City of Winfield in this grant request. Repair of the city park facilities will continue to provide an area for the community to congregate for outdoor events and campgrounds with working electrical components. Additionally, removing the permanent restroom and replacing with a portable ADA unit will help to minimize damage in any future flooding events.

Other Alternative #1 (No Action): The no-action alternative would leave the community park lands in damaged condition and facilities in greater risk of future flood damage. The existing parklands would be unsafe for public use with damaged utility poles, electrical components, and damaged park buildings.

Other Alternative #2 (Relocation): Alternative three would be for the relocation of the parks outside of the floodway. Fairgrounds Park has been in existence at its current location for over 70 years. Using land in a floodway for Fairgrounds Park is compatible use of the land adjacent to the Walnut River. The Broadway Sports Complex also lies in the regulatory floodway. Ball fields are compatible use of the land and provides the public nearby recreational facilities. The City has obtained Flood Insurance (NFIP and SFIP) for the park facilities within the floodway and relocating the parks outside of the floodway would not be economically feasible.

Comment Period:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. All comments received can be submitted online, via email, to FEMA at kate.stojavljevic@fema.dhs.gov. Please use the subject line: "KS-4449P-PW429, City of Winfield Parks, 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-PW429, City of Winfield Parks, to the above address within 15 days of the date of posting.

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice