

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Anniston has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for Improvements to John Nettles Park under HUD grant B-14-MC-01-0001.

John Nettles Park is a 3.47 acre City park located at 214 South Christine Avenue in Anniston, Calhoun County, Alabama. The property is currently used as a public recreation area that includes a walking track, swimming pool, basketball courts, and a ball field. Snow Creek flows through the property from the northeast corner to the southwest corner and is culverted across the entire property. The approximate elevation at the center of the park is 679 feet above mean sea level (amsl). The property is relatively flat with a slight decrease in elevation north to south. The eastern portion of the park including the pool, parking, and basketball court is slightly elevated from the western portion of the park. There are no suspect topographic features in the immediate area surrounding the property as noted on the *Anniston, Alabama USGS Topographic Map*. A review of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Soil Survey of Calhoun County, Alabama indicates that the subject property is underlain by Anniston gravelly loam and the Anniston gravelly clay loam and is considered well-drained. According to the *Special Map 220* prepared by the Geologic Survey of Alabama, the property is underlain by the Shady Dolomite. No springs were noted on the property, and all surface water in the area is directed, generally to the culverted Snow Creek. Based on an interpretation of topographic and surface water features in the area of the project, the direction of surface and shallow groundwater is estimated to be generally to the south, towards unnamed tributaries of Choccolocco Creek. Groundwater flow direction is expected to mimic the surface topography of the area. Flow from higher surface elevations to lower surface elevations.

The City of Anniston proposes to construct a 20 foot X 24 foot gable end shelter. The shelter will have a concrete pad under it which will be constructed by removing the ground for the thickness of the pad and pouring the concrete pad back to the approximate original ground elevation. The concrete pad will have a minimum thickness of 4 inches with 6 inch wide footings that will be 8 inches deep around the perimeter, and constructed with a minimum of 3,000 psi concrete. Placement to be in the north end of the Park. One set of aluminum bleachers, and 2 each 36-gallon trash receptacles are also to be installed on original ground within the Park.

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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 the City of Anniston at the following address on or before May 1, 2015: City of Anniston, P.O. Box 2168, Anniston, AL, 36202-2168, and 256-231-7705, Attention: Brian Johnson, City Manager, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Comments may also be submitted via email at [bjohnson@anniston.al.gov](mailto:bjohnson@anniston.al.gov).