

Attachment 4 - Site Photographs



View of Stream 1, facing south (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



View of Stream 1, facing south (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



View of Wetland 1, facing southeast (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



View of Wetland 1, facing south (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



View of Stream 2, facing southwest (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



View of Stream 2, facing southwest (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



Overview of project area from 1,000 feet east of Gann Street, facing southwest (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



Overview of project area from Gann Street, facing southwest (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



Overview of project area from 2,000 feet west of Inner Loop, facing northeast (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).



Overview of project area from 1,500 feet west of SH 130, facing northeast (Photo taken on 07/13/2023).

Attachment 5 – GPS Data Tables

Comment	Max_PDOP	Max_HDOP	Corr_Type	Rcvr_Type	GPS_Date	GPS_Time	Feat_Name	Unfilt_Pos	Filt_Pos	Name
crossing 1 wet core	3.2		1.8 L1L2 Postprocessed Carrier Float	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	06:25:12am	Point_generic	15		15 Up 1
wet1wet core	3.1		1.8 L1L2 Postprocessed Carrier Float	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	06:35:25am	Point_generic	12		12 Wet 1
wet1 upland soil core	2.4		1.2 L1L2 Postprocessed Carrier Float	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	06:42:02am	Point_generic	16		16 Up 2
crossing 2 wet core	3.5		1.8 Postprocessed Code	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	06:59:11am	Point_generic	22		22 Up 3
crossing 2 upland soil core	3.0		1.8 L1L2 Postprocessed Carrier Float	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	07:00:07am	Point_generic	20		20 Up 4

Comment	Max_PDOP	Max_HDOP	Corr_Type	Rcvr_Type	GPS_Date	GPS_Time	Feat_Name	Unfilt_Pos	Filt_Pos
crossing 1 ephemeral	4.9	3.6	Postprocessed Code	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	06:29:48am	Line_generic	34	34
crossing 2 ephemeral	7.1	3.8	Postprocessed Code	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	06:51:24am	Line_generic	78	78

Comment	Max_PDOP	Max_HDOP	Corr_Type	Rcvr_Type	GPS_Date	GPS_Time	Feat_Name	Unfilt_Pos	Filt_Pos
wet1	6.3	2.6	L1 Postprocessed Carrier Float	Geo 7X (H-Star)	7/13/2023	06:33:06am	Area_generic	43	43

Affidavit of Publisher to Publication of Legal Notice

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON
IN THE MATTER OF**

**Berg-Oliver Associates
Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland
Accepting Comments On or Before Feb. 15, 2024**

The Williamson County Sun/Sunday Sun, newspapers of general circulation, have been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in the County of WILLIAMSON, Texas, preceding the date of the above-referenced notice. Said notice was published in said paper as follows:

First insertion 31st day of January, 2024
Second insertion day of February, 2024
Third insertion day of February, 2024
Fourth insertion day of February, 2024

Ellen Greeney
Newspaper Representative
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this
31st day of January, 2024

Witness my hand and official seal.
Dawn Steele
Dawn Steele, Notary Public
My Commission Expires August 26, 2024



**Early Notice and Public Review of a
Proposed
Activity in a Wetland**

To: All Interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups and Individuals
This is to give notice that the City of Georgetown under Part 68 has determined that the following proposed action under the HUD Economic Development Initiative-Community Project Funding (EDI-CPF) Program and HUD grant B-23-CP-TX-1389 is located in a wetland, and the City of Georgetown will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11890, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 85.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.
The proposed FM 971 Expansion Project extends from Gann Street to SH 130 for approximately 1.67 miles in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. The purpose of the

project is to address increasing traffic volumes due to growth in this area of the city. The project will improve mobility, enhance safety, and reduce congestion by reconstructing and widening the existing FM 971 roadway from two undivided lanes to a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median, intersection and access improvements to Sah Gabriel Park, and a shared use path along both sides of the facility for pedestrians and bicycles. Proposed improvements also include illumination along FM 971, traffic signalization at designated intersections, reconstruction of driveways, and curb-and-gutter drainage with storm sewer and cross culverts. The estimated total project cost is \$32,000,000. Approximately \$28,000,000 of City funds will be applied towards preliminary design engineering, construction, and right-of-way acquisition. Approximately \$4,000,000 of EDI-CPF funds under HUD grant B-23-CP-TX-1389 will be utilized for final design engineering and real estate services, including right-of-way acquisition. The City shall carry out all acquisition of needed real property, easements, and/or rights-of-way in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) and HUD implementing regulations (24 CFR Part 42).

The USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map identified one wetland area partially within the project limits at the southwest area of the FM 971 and E. Morrow Street Intersection - approximately 0.025 acre of a freshwater pond (PUBHh) belonging to the Palustrine System. However, a wetland delineation conducted in July 2023 revealed instead at this location a smaller wetland area, partially within the project limits of approximately 0.015 acre, and a stream of approximately 52 linear feet (0.002 ac) connecting the observed wetland to an existing FM 971 cross culvert. Field investigations also found a stream of approximately 167 linear feet (0.013 ac) at another FM 971 cross culvert on the south side of this roadway east of E. Morrow Street. No wetland impacts are anticipated, and 219 linear feet (0.015 acre) or less of impact is expected to occur within these streams, requiring a USACE Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 due to the construction of the roadway and associated storm drainage infrastructure. Best management practices (BMPs), such as temporary vegetation, sodding, silt fences, rock berms, and erosion control logs, will be in place during construction to limit sedimentation and pollutants into water bodies within the project area.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands 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 wetland, 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 wetlands 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 wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Georgetown at the following address on or before February 15, 2024: City of Georgetown, P.O. Box 409, Georgetown, TX 78627 and (512) 930-3741, Attention: David Morgan, City Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 255 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, TX 78626 and <https://transportation.georgetown.org/transportation-projects/fm-971/>. Comments may also be submitted via email at giovanna@cdandp.com.

Date: 01/31/24