The City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) submitted an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events (Plan) to HUD on September 19, 2016 and updated November 17, 2016. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded on December 7, 2016 to the City of Houston $66,560,000 in federal funds associated with disasters declared on May 29, 2015 (DR-4223) and on November 25, 2015 (DR-4245). HUD, in late 2017 and early 2018, allocated and awarded an additional $20,532,000 in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) funds to the City of Houston for the 2015 flood events. The combined total amount HUD awarded is $87,092,000.

HCDD will be working with the Houston Public Works (HPW) on the Spellman Detention Basin, for an expected cost of $19,505,400. This project is generally bound by Willowbend Boulevard to the north, Sandpiper Drive to the east, West Bellfort Avenue to the South and Fondren Road to the west. This project will consist of real estate acquisition of three parcels, demolition of nine (9) existing storage facilities and paving on the first parcel, demolition of library building and parking lot on the second parcel, and clearing of undeveloped land on the third parcel. Excavation and construction of a detention basin and associated drainage structures would be located on all three parcels. Approximately 40-feet along the existing Gallo Road will provide maintenance access. In addition, storm sewer improvements along West Belfort, and associated pavement repairs, will be included.

The public may comment on this proposed project during the 14-day comment period that extends from Wednesday, March 14, 2018 through Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Upon completion of the 14-day public comment period, HCDD will enter into a Letter of Agreement with HPW for this project. Public comments may be submitted by email to: Margaret.Colligan@HoustonTX.gov or by mail: HCDD, ATTN: Peggy Colligan, 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77007.

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