



December 6, 2018

Mark Wolfe
State Historic Preservation Officer
Texas Historical Commission
PO Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711

RE: Hopkins County Contract 7218211 - Water Improvements

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

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Please review this information to determine if your Department has any objections to this project, and if so, please forward a written response within 30 calendar days to: Lauren Kotwal, lauren@grantworks.net, 2201 Northland Dr, Austin, TX 78756

Sincerely,


Robert Newsom, County Judge

Enclosures:
SHPO Consultation Request Form
Performance Statement
Project Map
Atlas map
Photos of project area

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR SHPO CONSULTATION:

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and/or the Antiquities Code of Texas

Please see instructions for completing this form and additional information on Section 106 and Antiquities Code consultation on the Texas Historical Commission website at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/crm/crmsend.shtml>.

This is a new submission

This is additional information relating to THC tracking number(s): _____

Project Information

PROJECT NAME

7218211 Water Improvements, Hopkins County

PROJECT ADDRESS

PROJECT CITY

PROJECT ZIP CODE(S)

On Hwy 11 from FM 2391 to FM 2393, Hopkins County, TX 75482

PROJECT COUNTY OR COUNTIES

Hopkins

Road/Highway Construction or Improvements Structure(s)

Repair, Rehabilitation or Renovation of

Site Excavation

Addition to Existing Structure(s)

Utilities & Infrastructure

Demolition or Relocation of Existing Structure(s)

New Construction

None of these

BRIEF PROJECT SUMMARY

The County proposes to replace the inlet pipe, 13,800 LF of 8-inch water main, boring, service reconstructions, and all associated appurtenances

Project Contact Information

PROJECT CONTACT NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION

Lauren Kotwal

Senior Environmental Specialist

GrantWorks, Inc.

ADDRESS

2201 Northland Dr, Austin, TX 78756

PHONE

Office: (512) 420-0303 x401

EMAIL:

Lauren@grantworks.net

Federal Involvement (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act)

Does this project involve approval, permit, license, or funding from a federal agency?

Yes (Please complete this section)

No (Skip to next box)

FEDERAL AGENCY

HUD / TDA

FEDERAL PROGRAM, FUNDING, OR PERMIT TYPE

CDBG

CONTACT PERSON

Pamela Wozniak

PHONE

(512) 936-6709

ADDRESS

PO Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711

EMAIL:

Pamela.Wozniak@texasagriculture.gov

State Involvement (Antiquities Code of Texas)

Does this project occur on land or property owned by the State of Texas or a political subdivision of the state?

Yes (Please complete this section)

No (Skip to next box)

CURRENT OR FUTURE OWNER OF THE PUBLIC LAND

Hopkins County

CONTACT PERSON

Robert Newsom, County Judge

PHONE

(903) 438-4006

ADDRESS

PO Box 288, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

EMAIL:

ctysec@hopkinscountytexas.org

Identification of Historic Properties: Archeology

Does this project involve ground-disturbing activity?
 Yes (Please complete this section) No (Skip to next section)

Describe the nature of the ground-disturbing activity, including but not limited to depth, width, and length. Ground disturbance shall consist of digging to access and replace water lines at scopes of up to 5 feet deep and 5 feet wide.

Describe the previous and current land use, conditions, and disturbances. Construction activities shall be confined to existing ROWs and utility easements in previously disturbed areas, dedicated primarily to rural and residential land uses.

Identification of Historic Properties: Structures

Does the project area or area of potential effects include buildings, structures, or designed landscape features (such as parks or cemeteries) that are 45 years of age or older?
 Yes (Please complete this section) No (Skip to next section)

Is the project located within or adjacent to a district that is listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places?
 Yes, name of property or district: _____ No Unknown

In the space below or as an attachment, describe each building, structure, or landscape feature within the project area or area of potential effect that is 45 years of age or older.

ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	SOURCE FOR CONSTRUCTION DATE

Attachments

Please see detailed instructions regarding attachments. Include the following with each submission:

- Project Work Description
 - Maps
 - Identification of Historic Properties
 - Photographs
- For Section 106 reviews only, also include:
- Consulting Parties/Public Notification
 - Area of Potential Effects
 - Determination of Eligibility
 - Determination of Effect

Submit completed form and attachments to the address below. Faxes and email are not acceptable.

Mark Wolfe
 State Historic Preservation Officer
 Texas Historical Commission
 P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711-2276 (mail service)
 108 W. 16th Street, Austin, TX 78701 (courier service)

For SHPO Use Only



December 6, 2018

Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Bobby Komardley, Chairman
P.O. Box 1330
Anadarko, OK 73005

RE: Hopkins County Contract 7218211 - Water Improvements

Dear Mr. Komardley,

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Sincerely,

Robert Newsom, County Judge

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December 6, 2018

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Oklahoma
Terri Parton, President
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Terri.Parton@wichitatribe.com

RE: Hopkins County Contract 7218211 - Water Improvements

Dear Ms. Parton,

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Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Russell Martin, President
1 Rush Buffalo Rd
Tonkawa, OK 74653
Cc: Mirenda Allen, THPO

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Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
Tamara Francis, Chairman
P.O Box 487
Binger, OK 73009
Cc: Kim Penrod, THPO

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Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
Lovelin Poncho, Chairman
P.O. BOX 10
Elton, LA 70532

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation
James Floyd, Principal Chief
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447
Section106@mcn-nsn.gov
Cc: RaeLynn Butler, THPO

RE: Hopkins County Contract 7218211 - Water Improvements

Dear Mr. Floyd,

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ENDANGERED SPECIES MEMO TO FILE

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We have carefully reviewed the Endangered Species Habitat listings for the proposed area, and the project site is not consistent with the preferred or critical habitats of any endangered species listed for Hopkins County. Based on the level of disturbance present at the project sites, and the lack of evidence of endangered species habitat, we have determined that no endangered species shall likely be affected.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Newsom".

Robert Newsom, County Judge



December 6, 2018

Debra Bills
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Ecological Services
2005 NE Green Oaks Blvd, Ste 140
Arlington, TX 76006
RE: Compliance Regarding Endangered Species/Wetlands

RE: Hopkins County Contract 7218211 - Water Improvements

Dear USFWS, Ecological Services:

In accordance with EO 11990, this letter is to inform the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office that Hopkins County has received a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs for Administrative and Engineering fees and services, and a Water Improvements project. The County proposes to replace the inlet pipe, 13,800 LF of 8-inch water main, boring, service reconnections, and all associated appurtenances on Hwy 11 from FM 2391 to FM 2393.

An Environmental Review is currently underway for this project, and it has been determined that portions of the project area appear to be located within designated wetlands. The goal of the project will be to replace deteriorated water lines and connection. All new equipment will be subsurface, and after construction, the area will be restored to pre-existing conditions and will not result in long term changes to the wetland. It is therefore our conclusion that eliminating the environmental threat posed by the existing facilities will have only positive effects on the nearby wetlands and improve conditions for wetlands-dependent, threatened, and endangered species.

We are currently completing the 8-step process, and have determined that the project should proceed as planned, as it is not expected to be impacted by or have an impact on the wetlands or wetlands-dependent species.

Please review this information to determine if your Department has any objections to this project, and if so, please forward a written response within 30 calendar days to: Lauren Kotwal, lauren@grantworks.net, 2201 Northland Dr, Austin, TX 78756

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Wetlands Map
8-Step Process
IPaC Report
Project Photos



December 6, 2018

Sandy Keefe
Mitigation Director, DHS/FEMA Region 6
Floodplain Management & Insurance Branch
800 North Loop 288
Denton, TX 76209

RE: Hopkins County Contract 7218211 - Water Improvements

Dear Ms. Keefe:

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An Environmental Review is currently underway for this project, and it has been determined that a portion of the project area is located within the 100-Year floodplain. We are currently completing the 8-step process and have determined that the project should proceed as planned. The project engineers shall coordinate any additional permitting needed for the project to proceed in accordance with local floodplain requirements set forth by the community's Floodplain Administrator.

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