



Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

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Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Review for AC-2024-005 New Construction of Homesite Project

The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is reviewing a proposed project on tribal lands and has prepared a Draft Environmental Review (ER) to evaluate potential environmental impacts. This notice announces the availability of the draft EA for public review and comment.

The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas will use tribal funds to construct a new home for a tribal member. The project will consist of the Tribal Forestry Department using heavy machinery to clear a one-acre site of trees, tree stumps, debris, and underbrush. The Tribal Public Works Department will establish new water and sewer lines, and Sam Houston Electric Cooperative will install electrical lines (above or below ground). For future information, Eastex Telephone can provide telephone and internet services to the new home.

The Tribe will hire contractors to construct a three-bedroom, 1800-square-foot frame house and a 20-foot-wide driveway made of concrete or gravel on a one-acre site. The house will have a concrete foundation and log siding. The proposed driveway will begin at FM 2500 beside the existing water tower. The project is on Farm-to-Market Road 2500 behind the Alabama-Coushatta water tower, 94.7190°W, 30.746°N, ACIR, Livingston, Polk County, Texas.

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and under the Alabama-Coushatta Environmental Review Ordinance, this Draft EA serves as a concise public document that provides evidence and analysis for determining whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate, or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be prepared. The Draft EA presents the purpose and need for the action, the proposed action, a description of the affected environment, and an analysis of environmental consequences. No significant environmental impacts have been identified in the Draft EA.

The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft EA, available online on the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Portal or at the Alabama-Coushatta Environmental Office. The public comment period will be September 10, 2024 – October 10, 2024. Written comments must be received no later than Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM. The public may submit **written comments** to jenna.littlecharley@actribe.org.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Elliot Abbey, Deputy Administrator for Community Development at 936-563-1122 or elliott.abbey@actribe.org.

The tribe will carefully consider all public comments received during the review period before finalizing the EA and deciding on the proposed project.