



Statement of Voluntary Participation in the Flood-prone Property Buyout Program

GARLAND

City Use Only: BFE: _____ FF Elev: _____

THIS STATEMENT made this ____ day of _____, 20 ____, by _____, hereinafter referred to as "property owner," acknowledging the following:

1. Property owner affirms having an ownership interest in the property located at _____ Garland, TX, _____ hereinafter referred to as "property" and wishes to volunteer for the flood-prone property buyout program.
2. The City of Garland is notifying the property owner that if eligibility requirements for the program are met and FEMA grant funds are available, the City of Garland may wish to purchase the property. If property owner agrees to sell, property owner must permanently relocate from property. All improvements will be removed by the City of Garland and the land will be converted to open space in perpetuity if grant funding is secured. Applicants shall notify the City in writing if the owner(s) no longer want to participate in the flood-prone property buyout program.
3. If eligibility requirements are met and FEMA grant funds are available, the City of Garland will notify the property owner in writing. Fair Market Value will be established based on the current year estimated tax appraisal value determined by the Dallas or Collin County Appraisal Districts (CAD). If the property owner does not agree with the CAD appraisal value, they may at their own expense hire a certified independent third-party firm to provide an appraisal of the property.
4. The property owner is informed that this Flood-prone Property Buyout is voluntary and neither the State of Texas nor the City of Garland will use eminent domain authority to acquire the property for open space purposes should negotiations fail.
5. The City of Garland is notifying the property owner that if property owner agrees to sell property to the City of Garland, such a transaction is voluntary. Consequently, property owner is not entitled to relocation benefits provided by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, which are available to property owners who must sell their properties involuntarily.
6. The City of Garland affirms that it has provided the notifications and explained the information described in the preceding paragraphs, and the property identified above is not a part of an intended, planned, or designated project area where all or substantially all of the property within the area is to be acquired within specific time limits.
7. By signing below, the property owner consents that the information provided on this form may be used by the following entities to obtain property buyout grant funding: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Property Owner Signature

Date

Property Owner Signature

Date

City of Garland Authorized Agent

Date

Is this a rental property? Yes No

If yes, is the Property currently being leased? Yes No

Owner(s) Mailing Address (If different from above)

Owner Phone Number (Home)

(Mobile)

(Other)

Owner Email Address

Preferred Method of Communication: Email Phone In Person

Is the Structure covered by flood insurance? Yes No Policy # _____ Exp: _____