



# MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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December 5, 2023

Jonathan Cernek, Chairman  
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana  
1940 C.C. Bel Road  
Elton, LA 70532

Re: Madison County, Mississippi  
Community Development Block Grant Project

Dear Chairman Cernek:

Madison County, Mississippi, will be considered for funding to assist West Madison Utility District in upgrading existing infrastructure to modern standards to decrease inflow and infiltration which will protect the area from pollution caused by overflows and blockages of the wastewater system. Madison County has assumed environmental review responsibilities for the project, including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association.

Please review the enclosed information to help identify historic properties in the project area that may have religious and cultural significance to your tribe, and if such properties exist, to help assess how the project might affect them. If the project might have an adverse effect, we would like to discuss possible ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse effects.

To meet project deadlines, if you would like to be a consulting party on this project, please let us know of your interest within 30 days. If you have any initial concerns with impacts of the project on religious or cultural properties, please note them in your response.

We value your assistance and look forward to consulting further if there are historic properties of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that may be affected by this project. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Greg Higginbotham, County Administrator, at 601-342-9273 or [greg@madison-co.com](mailto:greg@madison-co.com). Thank you for your assistance with this project.

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Joseph Byrd, Chairperson  
Quapaw Nation  
5681 South 630 Road  
Quapaw, OK 74364

Re: Madison County, Mississippi  
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Dear Chairperson Byrd:

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Cyrus Ben, Chief  
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
101 Industrial Road  
Choctaw, MS 39350

Re: Madison County, Mississippi  
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Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
1802 Chukka Hina Drive  
Durant, OK 74701

Re: Madison County, Mississippi  
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