

Proposed Safe Haven Village in Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Notice of Availability - Draft Environmental Assessment: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Cherokee Nation's proposal to build a Safe Haven Village in Tahlequah, Okla. (the Proposed Action). NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This Draft EA evaluates the potential impacts that would result from the implementation of the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action alternative.

The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to info@clarkgroupllc.com. The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

Project Title: Cherokee Nation Safe Haven Village Project

Project Proponent: OVC

Project Location: Markoma Drive, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464 (35°53'46.62" N, 94°59'36.90" W)

Project Description: The Proposed Action considered under this Draft EA is to construct a Safe Haven Village to house victims of domestic violence. The proposed Safe Haven Village would be approximately 5.7 acres in size and would contain eighteen modular buildings for housing victims, one case manager building, one security guard building, and one gatehouse building. An entrance road off of Markoma Drive would also be constructed. The Safe Haven Village would be constructed using existing modular buildings currently located at 17728 South Muskogee Avenue, Tahlequah, Okla 74464. As part of the Proposed Action, the modular buildings would be moved approximately 5.5 miles to the site of the Safe Haven Village and placed upon permanent foundations. Once operational, the Proposed Action would allow the Cherokee Nation to offer safe, long-term housing options for victims of domestic violence.

BJA is accepting comments on this EA from June 1, 2023, through the end of the day of July 1, 2023. Comments should be submitted by email to info@clarkgroupllc.com or mailed to Cherokee Nation Attn: Human Services, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465.

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