

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chatham County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) as a sub-grantee.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Applicant: Chatham County

Project Title: Chatham County Property Acquisition

Location of Proposed Work

Address of Structure: 17 Denmark Drive Savannah, Georgia 31406

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: VE or V 1-30 **AE or A 1-30** AO or AH

A (or no base flood elevation given) B or X (shaded) C or X (unshaded)

Proposed Work and Purpose: Chatham County is requesting funds to acquire and demolish flood-prone properties located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The proposed work conforms to all applicable local and state floodplain regulations. The proposed work has no effect on the local floodplain. The properties will be converted to open space to mitigate any future flood damages.

Project Alternatives: (include project alternatives and why they were not considered)

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken, the properties will continue to flood. The property owners will continue to file insurance claims and more money will be spent to repair and insure their homes.

Alternative #2: An alternative project would be to elevate the homes out of the floodplain, reducing (but not eliminating) the risk of flood damage in the future.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to Chatham County All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. Chatham County will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting: Jill Growe, Project Manager, Chatham County Department of Engineering, 912-652-7820 or jcgrowe@chathamcounty.org

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