

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Chatham County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) as a sub-recipient.

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. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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: DR-4400 Chatham County Property Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

Name of Structure: See Table

Address of Structure: See Table, Chatham, Georgia

A map showing the location of all properties is available by contacting Jill Growe, Project Manager at jcgrowe@chathamcounty.org.

Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
119 Penrose Drive	32.042670	-80.994090	1960, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP
1316 Walthour Road	31.999020	-80.970290	1942
3 Falligant Avenue – Main House	32.039098	-80.978126	1951
3 Falligant Avenue – Guest House	32.038390	-80.977810	1986, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP
321 Walthour Road – Main House	32.018255	-80.962889	1930
321 Walthour Road – Cottage	32.018015	-80.962746	1932
7424 Hemlock Avenue	31.993656	-81.060975	1962, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the structural elevation of properties located in flood zone AE (1% annual chance flood elevation) and zone VE (1% annual chance flood elevation with additional wave action hazards). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 13051C0305G, 013051C0190G, 13051C0285G. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Georgia and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work has no effect on the local floodplain.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Chatham County is requesting funds to structurally elevate 7 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 elevated outside of the floodplain.

Project Alternatives:

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 purchase and demolish the homes to create open space.

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 at 912-652-7820 or jcgrowe@chathamcounty.org.

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