

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the City of Pearl. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published Thursday, February 14, 2019 for DR-4415 Mississippi Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes. 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. - Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives - and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 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).

President Biden issued new Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 in January 2021 to further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with applicants/subapplicants to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the improvements of the storm drainage infrastructure located within the Special Flood Hazard Area. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

**Responsible Entity:** FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

**Applicant:** City of Pearl

**Project Title(s):** HMGP 4429-0016 Pine Park Drainage Improvements

## Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Pine Park Subdivision	N 32° 16' 17" W 90° 7' 56"	Rankin County 169 of 540

*All Panels effective June 9, 2014. Sites are located within regulatory floodways. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Replacement of 2,400 feet of existing V-Channel concrete drainage ditch with a concrete 5'x15' rectangular drainage ditch to increase capacity. This will also include the replacement of six (6) bridges. Proposed improvements will allow the affected area to sustain a 100-year flood event.

### Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Acquisition of Affected Properties* – Acquisition would have required acquiring agreements from each resident to sell their house at a fair market value. This cost would have been significantly greater than the cost of damages caused by flash flooding.
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as the improvements are necessary. The impact of a No Action Alternative is the continuation of the area being inundated with flash flood waters during heavy rain events. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts may be experienced.

**Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA HMGP program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "HMGP 4429-0016 Pine Park Drainage Improvements" at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING**

**NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022**