

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Poole Creek Flood Mitigation Project – Hutchens Road Area FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

**Applicant:**

City of Atlanta, Department of Watershed Management (DWM)  
72 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Project Title:**

HMGP Project – Poole Creek Flood Mitigation (Hutchens Road Area)

**Project Location:**

The project site encompasses Poole Creek from approximately 500 feet upstream of Hutchens Road to 1,200 feet downstream, within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area Zone AE, with base flood elevations ranging from 814 to 875 feet above NAVD88 as shown on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map. The area drains a highly urbanized watershed with undersized culvert infrastructure contributing to roadway overtopping and recurrent structure flooding.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The project will implement targeted flood risk reduction measures identified in the *Poole Creek Flood Risk Management Study (USACE PAS, November 2022)*, including:

- Replacement of the existing Hutchens Road culvert with a structure sized to convey the 1% annual chance event without roadway overtopping.
- Selective channel regrading and bank stabilization along approximately 1,000 linear feet of Poole Creek to restore hydraulic capacity and reduce backwater effects.
- Installation of riparian buffer plantings to improve bank stability and reduce sediment load.

The project will lower modeled water surface elevations during the 1% annual chance event by up to 0.8 feet at Hutchens Road and reduce flood depths at affected structures by 0.5–1.0 feet.

**Environmental & Historic Preservation Review:**

This action is subject to FEMA’s Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review under 44 CFR Part 9, Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), and NEPA.

**Comment Period:**

Public comments regarding the proposed project’s potential impacts to floodplains, wetlands, historic properties, or other resources are invited. Written comments may be submitted to:

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Comments must be received by **[September 22, 2025]**.