

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Atlanta. 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, October 24, 2024 for FEMA DR-4830-GA Hurricane Helene. 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. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

This notice serves as a project- specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard (AE) Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the construction of a 2-foot-high reinforced concrete flood wall located within the Special Flood Hazard (AE) Area prior to the event. 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 Atlanta

Project Title(s): HMGP Custer Avenue Combined Sewer Control Facility Channel Flood Mitigation

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

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Custer Avenue Combined Sewer Control Facility Channel	Digital Latitude: 33.71734 Digital Longitude: -84.36710	13121C0378F

All Panels effective 9/18/2013. Sites are located within regulatory floodways. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The *Custer Avenue CSCF Channel Flood Mitigation Hydrology & Hydraulics Report* identifies chronic overbank flooding affecting the City Park Place subdivision and the CSCF during the 1% annual chance storm event. To address this risk, the project will:

- Construct a 2-foot-high reinforced concrete flood wall along the north bank of Intrenchment Creek and the west bank of Stockade Channel to contain flows within channel capacity.
- Regrade select channel segments to improve conveyance and reduce localized high points that cause flow divergence.
- Install erosion control measures and riparian vegetation to improve long-term stability.

Modeling indicates the project will eliminate structure flooding for the 1% annual chance event and reduce road inundation depths by up to 0.7 feet in the project reach.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Acquisition, buyout and demolition of all homes located adjacent to the paved channels* – Acquisition, buyout and demolition of the properties would outweigh the cost to construct the floodwall. Floodplain avoidance through this method is not a practical alternative and would adversely impact citizens due to limited housing availability in the community and property values.
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not viable as it fails to address the ongoing flood risk. The flood wall is essential to protect residential properties from inundation. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts, including potential property damage and community disruption may be experienced.

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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 Project – Custer Avenue CSCF Channel Flood Mitigation” at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025