

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the 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 Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the flood mitigation reduction measures 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 Project - Poole Creek Flood Mitigation (Hutchens Road Area)

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

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Poole Creek Flood Mitigation (Hutchens Road Area)	Digital Latitude: 33.6748 Digital Longitude: -84.3597	13121C0386F

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 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.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – Relocating the facilities would require rerouting roadways, potentially altering public access to certain properties and disproportionately affecting property owners as land is seized for the construction of the new route. The damages to the facilities are limited in scope and the cost of relocation would likely outweigh the cost to repair the damages at current locations. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facilities is not a practicable alternative and would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the road remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function. The road provides ingress/egress, school bus and postal services and access for emergency personnel. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts 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 - Poole Creek Flood Mitigation (Hutchens Road Area)“ 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