

Public Notice

Rutherford County Government is seeking to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Tennessee Emergency Management (TEMA) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and 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 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 on 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: Rutherford County Government
Project Title: Detailed Hydraulic Engineering Analysis and Mapping of the special flood hazard risk areas of the unstudied sections of Concord Creek in the Harpeth River Watershed, in southwest Rutherford County Tennessee

Location of Proposed Work: The area would stretch from Cross-Section N on the Flood Insurance Rate Map 47149C0355H, dtd January 5, 2007, to the end of Concord Creek, approximately 5 miles in length. A map showing the location of all properties is available by contacting Mike Hughes.

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: The area to be studied is located in Zone A on the Flood Insurance Rate Map 47149C0355H, dtd January 5, 2007.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Rutherford County proposes to have the study performed to determine the Special Flood Hazard Areas in this watershed area. The study will be submitted to FEMA for use in updating the flood maps. Completion of a detailed hydraulic engineering analysis and mapping of the special flood areas would greatly assist the County in determining where structures can be placed and the areas of floodway where no structures should be located. This would preclude building in a FEMA recognized flood area and should prevent flooding to structures and mitigation costs.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): Rutherford County would continue to struggle to approve building permits in the unstudied area and would continue to apply for Hazard Mitigation Acquisition/Demolition grants due to flooding caused in the unstudied area.

Alternative #2 (wait for FEMA to study this area): Rutherford County would continue to struggle to approve building permits in the unstudied area and would continue for apply to Hazard Mitigation Acquisition/Demolition grants due to flooding caused in the unstudied area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with the proposed projects and wishing to comment on this project may submit written comments to the Rutherford County Engineer, contact information below. All comments received by July 31, 2022, will be reviewed by Rutherford County and forwarded on to the State and FEMA.

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