

City of Charleston

Public Notice

The City of Charleston intends on amending a current application for Federal grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Funding for this grant was made available after the 4241 Presidential declaration for Severe Storms and Flooding.

A number of properties located in a floodplain and out of the floodplain were severely damaged and were invited to participate in a project that will remove the damaged properties through acquisition.

For the proposed application amendment, the voluntary acquisition of existing flood-prone structures and the underlying land will be conducted, and the land will be converted to open space through the demolition of the structure. If acquired, the property must be deed-restricted in perpetuity to open space uses to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions- Per 2015 HMA Guidance pg 34 E.1.1. and 44 CFR Part 80.

Through the grant implementation process, the City has identified one (1) additional preliminarily eligible property from the determined flood vulnerable area that had experienced past losses and would like to include this property within the existing awarded application. This property may be participating in the existing awarded application and may be acquired/demolished.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements, and conditions.

The proposed property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area, as indicated in the FIRM maps. Therefore this project may affect the wetlands or floodplains in the proposed areas. Because of this, alternatives have been considered:

No action was considered for this project, but that was determined not to be the best solution for this property as it would leave the property in harm's way of future flooding and allow the homeowners to continue to experience repetitive flooding and damage. Elevation was considered, but ultimately not chosen due to the homeowner decision to be purchased and the fact that the property would still remain in the floodplain.

The City of Charleston will be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the project. For more information and maps of the areas where the properties are located or to comment on the proposed action, please contact Stephen Julka, City of Charleston Floodplain Manager, at 843-724-3760 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.