



City of Charleston
South Carolina

Department of Stormwater Management

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Invitation to participate in FEMA Flood Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs

Dear Charleston Resident:

The City of Charleston regularly prepares submittals to compete for federal funds under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These programs provide funding assistance for a wide range of flood mitigation projects, including for individual properties that have experienced damage from flooding events.

This neighborhood has experience repetitive flood losses and some properties may already be included in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs. Participation in these grant programs is voluntary, but we invite you to submit the information required for the City to include you in our applications for consideration by FEMA. If you choose to participate and your property is selected to be included in one of the grant applications, you may choose to opt out of the program at any time prior to the mitigation work commencing.

Enclosed you will find information about each of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs as well as a package of information that must be submitted to the City should you choose to participate. Please read these materials carefully, as the information you provide will determine your eligibility for these programs and incomplete packages will not be considered.

Please note that submittal of the participation package does not guarantee inclusion in the City's grant applications or that your project will receive mitigation assistance funds. The number of properties that may be included in the City's applications is limited and the City's applications will be reviewed competitively against proposed projects from other applicants in South Carolina and the United States. While the City will pursue these projects as expeditiously as possible, the review and award of these grants requires considerable ongoing coordination between the property owner, the City, the State, and FEMA, and there is no guaranteed timeline for completion of projects included in the applications.

If you are interested in participating in these programs, please complete all enclosed documents and provide the supplemental information requested. Upon receipt, the City will determine the eligibility of your project.

Your personal information is protected by the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 and will be held confidentially by City staff. Complete participation packages may be submitted to the City by the following contact methods:

Mail or In-Person:

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Department of Stormwater Management
2 George Street, Suite 2100
Charleston, SC 29401

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smithjac@charleston-sc.gov

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Thank you for your interest in participating in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance applications. We understand that this is a complicated process and that you are being presented with a great deal of information. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Floodplain Manager