

Richland County

Public Notice

Richland County intends on submitting two applications for Federal grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Funding for this grant was made available after the 4286 Presidential declaration was made regarding the impacts of Hurricane Matthew.

A number of properties located in a floodplain were severely damaged and have chosen to participate in a project that will remove the damaged properties. For the proposed applications, 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. 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 45 E.1.1. and 44 CFR Part 80.

16 properties from the determined flood vulnerable area may participating in these applications 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.

Some properties are located in a Special Flood Hazard Zone, as indicated in the obtained FIRM maps. Therefore this project may affect the wetlands or floodplains in the proposed areas. Because of this, alternatives have been considered:

The elevation of the first floor of the structure elevation using an elevated foundation to meet the Base Flood Elevation. Elevations were considered during the consideration for this project, but elevation of the structure, if it was feasible, would have left the homes in danger of other hazards, and not completely eliminated the risk of future flood claims. It was also the wish of the homeowners to be included in a voluntary acquisition, as well as the outcome of a local flood study that the County opted to pursue acquisition.

Richland County will be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the project. For more information, or to comment on the proposed action, please contact Mike King, Richland County Disaster Recovery Coordinator, at 803-731-8362 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.