

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knoxville has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) as a sub-recipient.

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. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide a 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 to 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: City of Knoxville

Project Title: FMA-PJ-04-TN-2019-004 City of Knoxville, Acquisition and Demolition

Location of Proposed Work:

Name of Structure: Residential Structure

Address of Structure: Structure on Delta Rd, Knoxville, TN

A map showing the location of all properties is available by contacting (David McGinley via email at DMcGinley@knoxvilletn.gov or by phone at (865) 215-2072)

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the acquisition and demolition of the residential structure located in a mapped unshaded zone X. Confirmation of location not in the SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 47089C0150D dated 12/16/2008. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Tennessee and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will not take place within existing bodies of water and will not have an effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work has no potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA. The action will be mitigated by removing the residential structure from an area for repetitive flooding. The residential structure is functionally dependent (cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located near water) and facilitates open space use.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Knoxville is proposing to demolish a residential property. The property will be deeded restricted as open space. The purpose of the project is to minimize the impact of floods on human health.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1: Elevation was considered as an alternative to demolishing the residential structure. However, the properties have experienced repetitive flooding to a point where elevation is not feasible.

Alternative #2: Relocating the residential structures would not be feasible as the structures have experienced repetitive flooding.

Alternative #3: Taking no action would result in this home remaining in an area that is highly prone to flooding. Repetitive flood losses could still occur, placing a burden on the property owner, as well as local government resources.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to City of Knoxville. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Knoxville will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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