

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Paintsville has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) 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: KYEM/City of Paintsville

Project Title: 4218-0003 Phase II: City of Paintsville Landslide Mitigation Project

Location of Proposed Work:

Name of Structure: 8 Residential Structures and 1 Vacant lot

Address of Structure: 5th St., Margaret Heights, and Carter Ln., Paintsville, Johnson County, KY

A map showing the location of all properties is available by contacting Kim Blanton at 606-789-2600 or by email at kblanton@cityofpaintsville.net

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the demolition of residential buildings located in Shaded X (0.2% annual chance flood elevation) and X (area of minimal flood hazard) zones. Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 21115C0183E. The proposed work conforms to all applicable Commonwealth of Kentucky and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work includes demolition of structures and stabilization of an active landslide. Two properties included in the proposed scope of work are located in the SFHA. Demolition and removal of structures from the SFHA will minimize impacts of floods on human health, safety and welfare, and will restore the natural and beneficial values served by the floodplain.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Paintsville proposes to demolish eight substantially damaged structures that were previously acquired by the City using FEMA HMGP funding, and stabilize nine properties (including a previously acquired vacant lot) which are threatened by an active landslide.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken to then the existing structures will sustain additional structural damage caused by the active landslide and the landslide will continue to exist and threaten the safety and welfare of the public.

Alternative #2: Elevating structures located within the SFHA to a height above the base flood elevation would mitigate against flood risk, however it will not mitigate the threat from the active landslide.

Alternative #3: Relocating structures outside of the SFHA is also an option, however structures have already sustained structural damage from the active landslide.

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 Paintsville. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Paintsville 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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