

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Floyd County Fiscal Court 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/Floyd County Fiscal Court

Project Title: FMA2017-003 Bucks Branch

Location of Proposed Work:

Name of Structure: 1 Residential Structure and 1 Commercial Structure

Address of Structure: Bucks Branch, Floyd County, KY

A map showing the location of all properties is available by contacting Eric Ratliff at 606-886-2374 or by email at Eric.Ratliff@bigsandy.org

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the demolition of one (1) residential and one (1) commercial building 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 210069-0050-C. The proposed work conforms to all applicable Commonwealth of Kentucky and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work includes demolition of structures and site reclamation. 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 Floyd County Fiscal Court proposes to acquire and demolish one (1) commercial structure and one (1) residential structure substantially damaged from previous flooding events.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken to then the existing structures will sustain additional structural damage from future flooding events 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 would be impossible to elevate the commercial structure since is sits on a poured slab foundation.

Alternative #3: Relocating structures outside of the SFHA is also an option for the residential structure; however, commercial building is on a poured slab foundation constructed with concrete block walls.

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 Floyd County Fiscal Court 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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