

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Bryan County. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published, Thursday September 7, 2023, for DR-4738 Hurricane Idalia. 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. - Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives - and provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 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).

President Biden issued new Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 in January 2021 to further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with applicants/subapplicants to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

This notice serves as a project- specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs of the road located within the Special Flood Hazard Area prior to the event. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

**Responsible Entity:** FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

**Applicant:** Bryan County

**Project Title(s):** HMGP 4738 Bryan County Warning Sirens

### Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
BC Emergency Services Highway 204-Sign says Station 5	32.128137, -81.443263	13029C0090D

All Panels effective YES. Sites are located within regulatory floodways. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Bryan County is proposing to locate a siren in North Bryan County in a manner that offers advanced warning to areas of concentrations of people including public parks, large neighborhoods, and county administration buildings.

### Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – Relocating the facilities would not be feasible since this is a weather siren for this area.
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as it would require the city to continue to utilize Code Red- cell phone notification system due to not having an existing audible warning system.

**Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA HMGP program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "HMGP 4738 Bryan County Drainage" at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING**

**NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 18 DAY OF July 2024**