

City of Milan Public Notice

On April 17, 2019, a major disaster declaration was issued by President Donald J. Trump following severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred between February 19, 2019, to March 30, 2019. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds were made available to provide resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended. This funding is implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

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 Milan Wolf Creek Hazard Mitigation Project

Project Title: DR-4427 City of Milan Acquisition/Demolition Application #1

Proposed Work and Purpose: The City of Milan proposes to acquire and demolish residential structures located in the Wolf Creek area in Gibson County. The properties under consideration are located in the Oak hill, Brentwood, and Meadowbrook areas of the City of Milan. These properties all suffered damage from the flood events that occurred over the years.

After acquisition and demolition of the structure the property will be restored to its natural state and deed-restricted as open space consistent with 44 CFR Part 80 in perpetuity. The City of Milan will take ownership and be responsible for post-project site maintenance and inspections. Acquiring and demolishing these structures is the only permanent solution to mitigate against future flood damage and there will be no future damage claims to burden the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This solution will also eliminate the need for the City of Milan emergency agencies to respond in this area during and after a flood event affecting the designated area.

Location of Proposed Work: The proposed project location includes the eleven (11) parcels of property located in the Oakhill, Brentwood, and Meadowbrook areas. All properties are located in Milan, TN 38358. A map showing the location of all properties is available to view at the following address:

Milan City Hall
1061 South Main Street
Milan, TN 38358

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): Taking no action would result in these houses remaining in areas that are highly prone to flooding, as well as being a designated floodway/floodplain. Repetitive flood losses could still occur, placing a burden on property owners, as well as local government resources. If these structures remain, it would be a hindrance to the City of Milan's Government's efforts to progressively mitigate the highest potential flood loss areas in the city. It would also fail to give any financial relief and assistance to property owners whose homes have suffered massive property damage.

Alternative #2: Elevation would prevent the houses from being damaged in a 100-year flood. However, the cost associated with raising the elevation of the existing houses would be a minimum of \$40,000.00 per structure. This is a conservative estimate and does not take into account that most of these homes have suffered damage to such an extent that elevation is not really feasible or advisable. Therefore, we do not view elevation as a practical alternative acquisition/demolition and then restricting use of the land.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with the proposed projects and wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to the City of Milan, contact information below. All comments received by September 11, 2020 will be reviewed by the City of Milan and forwarded on to the State and FEMA.

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