

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Nelson 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 March 28, 2020 for DR-4497-0004 for COVID-19 Pandemic. 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 a 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 elevation of this home to protect the property/investment that is frequently flooded. 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: Nelson County

Project Title(s): HMGP 4497-0004 Nelson County Property Elevation

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

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Brady Property	37.75989 -85.35133	21179C0200D
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All Panels effective 05-27-2011 Sites are located within regulatory floodways. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The proposed project's goal is to elevate the residential property in Nelson County located on 250 Fredericktown Road. The property sits on a 1% floodplain near the merging of the Beach Fork River and Cartwright Creek, near the Washington County and Nelson County line. At times of heavy rainfall, the property floods, causing damage to the structure and the contents of the structure. Funding would like to be secured to pay to elevate the property to a suitable level to avoid future flooding to the property. The estimated cost is \$114,280. The property will be elevated vertically, extending the foundation of the walls of the home. It will be elevated according to FEMA FFRMS guidance. The property owner has already secured a property elevation certification sheet. All other Applicable federal/state/local codes and standards (engineering, fire, electrical, etc.) will additionally be met. The staging area will be the same location as the project at 250 Fredericktown Road Springfield, Kentucky 40069. The coordinates for this project is latitude, 37.75989 and longitude, -85.35133.

This project is being submitted to protect the property/investment that is frequently flooded. Twice recently, flood insurance claims have had to be made due to the structure being flooded. The flood threat poses a threat to the livelihood and property of the residents. Elevating the property would mitigate the threat of flooding when heavy rainfall occurs. With heavy rainfall likely to increase in the commonwealth, there is a common sentiment of trying to protect properties in the community from flooding.

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Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Barrier Construction.* A possible alternative project would be to construct a barrier measure around the structure to prevent flood damage to the property. This would involve constructing walls around the house that are made of concrete and/or earthen materials. The walls should be at least four feet tall and include a method for vehicles to enter and exit the property.
- (2) *No Action Alternative.* If no action is taken at all on this project the project area and specifically the residential structure will continue to be under constant threat of flooding from heavy rainfall and the nearby streams. As the climate in Kentucky continue more and more towards increased heavy rainfall events, structures like these will continue to face flood threats without actions. The structure and the residents will continue to face danger and uncertainty.

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 DR-4497-0004 for COVID-19 Pandemic at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING

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