

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Reed Creek Park, Columbia County, Georgia. 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 Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published on 11/11/2024 for DR-4830 Hurricane Helene, Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs of the boardwalk and park structures, already 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 Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Columbia County

Project Title(s): 796345 - Columbia Co Reed Creek Park Damages

Location of Proposed Work: Reed Creek Park: 3820 Park Lane, Martinez, GA 30907

Floodplain Locations: Zone AE Regulatory Floodway, Effective FIRM Panel #13073C0162E dated 6/7/2019

Proposed Work/Purpose: The work will be done in Reed Creek Park to restore the facility to pre-storm condition. This project will repair 4 picnic tables, a pavilion roof and the boardwalk structure. The boardwalk will be a complete replacement with mitigation added to replace the 6-foot-wide wooden deck with an 8-foot-wide concrete deck, including the footbridge structure. The structure will be held up using helical pilings and the footprint will be expanded slightly into the wetland. The county has made modifications to the project to ensure that wetland disturbance is kept to a minimum.

Project Alternatives: The following alternatives were considered:

(1) Relocation of the facilities outside the floodplain – This project is part of an existing park facility, so relocation is not feasible.

(2) No action alternative – This action would harm the community by reducing the available recreation space therefore this option is not feasible.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA 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, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line Reed Creek Park, Columbia County, Georgia, 796345 - Reed Creek Park Damages at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

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

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