

## **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the South Carolina Office of Resilience under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action, McCormick Road Culvert, is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetland. The South Carolina Office of Resilience will be conducting an evaluation into practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain or wetland, and the potential impacts on the floodplains and wetlands from the proposed action. This evaluation is required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Climate-Informed Science Approach (CISA). This approach is the preferred method for determining the applicability of the regulations.

### Project Details

Project Name: McCormick Road Culvert

Project Summary: The proposed project includes the construction of a new culvert to alleviate flood risk. A detailed description of the culvert and specific site can be found by utilizing the contact information below. For the purposes of this review, it is assumed that the entire area of potential impact includes floodplain and wetlands (less than 0.5 acres).

Project Location: Approximately 2,200 feet south of Forestbrook Road where the road crosses over the Socastee Swamp.

Designation: Non-Critical

Estimated FFRMS Flood Elevation in 2070: 11 feet

Grant Information: CDBG-MIT - \$846,450

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains or wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplains or wetlands. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comments can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by SCOR at the following contact information by 11:59 PM on March 21, 2025:

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A full description of the project may also be reviewed from Monday-Friday, from 9 am to 4 pm at the above address, or by contacting Environmental and Infrastructure Program Manager Pam Kendrick at (803) 354-3281 or [Pamela.Kendrick@scor.sc.gov](mailto:Pamela.Kendrick@scor.sc.gov).

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