FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the City of Marion in regards to repairs of drainage canals and outfalls located in Marion County due to damages in Hurricane Florence (DR-4394-SC). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published on October 25, 2018 and November 9, 2018 for Hurricane Florence. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as an individual final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to locate the storm drain and associated features at the original location within the floodplain because the facility is either functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain.

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.

Locations of the Proposed Work:
The storm drain runs along Bobby Gerald Parkway (aka Railroad Avenue) to the outflow at Catfish Creek. GPS: From 34.18555, -79.41162 to 34.18386, -79.40102

Proposed Work and Purpose:
The Applicant intends to utilize contract or force account labor to repair the drainage channel back to pre-disaster design, capacity, and function. The work involved will be to remove and replace multiple reinforced concrete pipes, remove and replace asphalt for the biking and walking path, and replace sand clay fill including rip rap for embankment repairs.

Project Alternatives:
The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the drainage facility will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts will be on surrounding properties, residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the relocation of the drainage facility is not practicable and would not serve the needs of the community.

Comments:
This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described actions funded by the FEMA PA Program. Interested person may obtain information about specific projects or a map of the affected area by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, calling 770-220-5432, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line [SC-4394-00049-City of Marion CAT D] at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.