

## FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant application

To: All interested Federal and State Agencies, Local Groups and Individuals- Public Notice

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) have received an application for Federal grant funding from Beaufort County Stormwater through the Hazard Mitigation Program (HGMP). Funding for this grant was made available after the 4492 Presidential declaration following COVID-19. Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, flood plain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, and legal and safety considerations. Under executive order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to, and to provide public notice of, any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains and wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low income populations.

Applicant: Beaufort County Stormwater

Project: Shell Point Drainage Improvements

Project location: Shell Point Area, Beaufort County

Project Description: Beaufort County Stormwater is proposing a flooding resiliency project to alleviate the flooding issues in the Shell Point area. Flooding has been an issue after rain events of all sizes, and several times a year residents are unable to leave their homes because of standing water across roadways. Property damaged is threatened by these waters and sustained under heavy rain events. The proposed improvements include replacing eight underground culvert pipes, extensive clearing of 52,525 linear feet of drainage conveyances, and installation of 6 tidal flap gates. This project will reduce the hours flooded at average tide from 16 hours to just over an hour at the 25 year storm.

Beaufort County will be responsible for facilitating and monitoring the proposed project. Interested persons may review project files, including maps, or direct any comments or questions to Julianna Corbin at 843-255-2812 or written questions to [juliannacorbin@bcgov.net](mailto:juliannacorbin@bcgov.net). These are due within 15 days of this notice.