

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Houston County Commission has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management (AEM) as a sub-grantee.

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. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also 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).

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.

**Sub-Applicant:** Houston County Commission

**Project Title:** PA-04-AL-4563-PW-431(V1)

**Location of Proposed Work:** Ole Taylor Place Road Culvert (Mill Creek)

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Ole Taylor Rd Culvert	Ole Taylor Place Rd, Ashford, AL 36312	31.196038	-85.251686	1980

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the replacement of building components and structures. All work is located in an A zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the City of Ashford Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 01069C0235G dated 09/03/2014. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the shaded A zone. The proposed work will also take place in wetlands. The area is classified as a Freshwater Forested Shrub Freshwater wetland by the National Wetlands Inventory.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Houston County Commission (Cat C) (242700) (31.196038, -85.251686)  
The applicant will utilize force account labor, equipment, materials, and/or contracts for repairs to the Houston County Commission to restore this facility back to its pre-disaster design, in-kind, function and capacity within the existing footprint. Applicant will replace headwall (50 FT L x 11 FT W x 8 In D) on each side, 133.3333 CY of backfill subbase, and concrete curb (39 FT L x 6 IN H) in-kind. This project will be improved by the replacement of one (30 FT L x 120 IN diameter) RCP (Reinforced Concrete Pipe) culvert with two (30 FT L x 112 x 75 IN diameter) Arched Pipe culverts. Total Project Cost: \$187,213.00

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the residence of Houston County. If these repairs are not made, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

**Alternative #2** (Repair in-kind) This alternative would require the culvert to be replaced in-kind within the existing footprint. This option would incur additional costs as the original pipe is currently not available. The improved project scope is the least cost alternative for this site.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer  
FEMA Region 4  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4563-AL-00431 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON: 03 January 2022**

**End of Notice**