

## **Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Brunswick, the responsible party under SFR § 58.15 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for CDGB Disaster Recovery Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (Housing & Urban Development grant CFDA # 14.228. The projects are located at:

1) 1920 Wilson Avenue. The existing residence is 978 square feet and sits on a .22-acre lot. The city proposes to remove the current residence and replace it with a 2 bed-room/ 1 bath home within the same footprint, on the same lot.

2) 1505 Monck St. The existing residence is 782 square feet and sits on a 2176 square foot lot. The city proposes to remove the current residence and replace it with a 2 bed-room/ 1 bath home within the same footprint, on the same lot.

3) 1401 Lee St. in Brunswick, GA, Glynn County. The existing residence is 1086 square feet and sits on a .10-acre lot. The city proposes to repair and elevate the current residence within the same footprint, on the same lot.

The City of Brunswick has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values.

For all 3 properties, the number of units will not change and neither will the ownership. Because of their location in zone AE 9, the structures must be elevated with the lowest floor, including the basement, at least two feet above the currently published base flood elevation.

The City of Brunswick has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. For the Lee St. property, the proposed demolition and reconstruction has been replaced with repairs to the structure to reduce impacts and financial costs. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

The project will have minimum impacts to the floodplain because the structure will be elevated a minimum of two feet above the BFE and have a footprint designed to minimize these impacts. The design will also minimize potential damage to the property as a result of the flooding. No structures or improvements will be located in the floodway.

The site will be elevated well above the BFE in order to protect life from potential flash floods. The additional elevation will also help to protect the financial investment.

The city of Brunswick is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program and structures located in the flood zone must comply with the local flood ordinance. HUD requires projects located in the floodplain to maintain flood insurance for the life of the property. The owner will maintain flood insurance in order to mitigate any effects of flooding.

In addition to concerns for life and property, the city considered the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain. The natural resources of the floodplain include water, biological, and societal resources.

By elevating the buildings and disallowing impervious surfaces in and around the floodplain, the construction will have minimal effects on water resources. In addition to the prohibition on impervious surfaces in and directly around the floodplain, the floodplain is preserved through elevation and positioning of the building.

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment at 503 Mansfield Street, Brunswick, GA 31520 or electronically by request to [rgeorge@cityofbrunswick-ga.gov](mailto:rgeorge@cityofbrunswick-ga.gov).