

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
FOR THE 2020 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT  
FROM THE FEDERAL EMEGERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

On April 23, 2019, a major disaster declaration was issued by President Trump following severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding that occurred between February 22, 2019 and March 29, 2019. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds were made available to provide resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended. This funding is implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

The City of Hattiesburg proposes to purchase and demolish (1) flood prone single-family residential dwelling in the City of Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi. Upon successful offer, acceptance and sale, the City of Hattiesburg will inspect, abate any hazardous conditions, and then demolish the structure within 90 days of purchase. The site will then be restored and deed restricted as open space consistent with 44 CFR Part 80 in perpetuity, in order to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions. The City of Hattiesburg will take ownership and be responsible for post-project site maintenance and inspections. This project conforms to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): Considering the history of the property, the structure will continue to flood during each heavy rainfall event as long as the structure remains on the property if no mitigation efforts are done.

**Alternative #2:** Structural elevation was considered. This alternative would be cost-prohibitive and an elevated structure would still have residual risk exposure.

Acquiring and demolishing the structure is the only permanent solution to mitigate the risk of flooding. The property selected for this mitigation effort is detailed below:

402 N 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Latitude: 31.330642, Longitude: -  
89.322459

Further information, including a map showing locations of the property, can be obtained by contacting Jennifer Shows at (601) 545-4544 or [jshows@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:jshows@hattiesburgms.com).

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit written comments to FEMA Regional Environmental Officer, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341. All comments received by February 26, 2021 will be considered by the FEMA REO.

CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

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