

FEMA Grant for Main Road Drainage Improvement Project

Project Location: Main Road (SR-10-20) approximately 700 feet south of US Hwy 17
Charleston County was awarded a grant on July 25, 2017, through the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Funding for this grant was made available after a Presidential declaration was made after Severe Storms and Flooding in 2015. Funding for the proposed project is conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain 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, 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.

Project Description: Funding is provided to Charleston County to study, engineer and construct a project to improve drainage on Main Road. A hydrology and hydraulic (H&H) study has been completed to determine the feasibility of improving drainage on Main Road and will guide engineering design and eventual construction of the project.

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Considerations: Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 45019C0486J. The proposed work conforms to all applicable South Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work has a positive effect on the local floodplain by allowing stormwater to flow under Main Road allowing traffic to cross the road.

Comments Period: Charleston 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 Chris Wannamaker, Stormwater Program Manager at CWannamaker@charlestoncounty.org or by phone at (843) 202-7600 or sent to Chris Wannamaker, Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building, 4045 Bridge View Drive, Suite A301, North Charleston, SC 29405-7464. Comments and questions should be submitted in writing by July 17, 2020.

This notice will also serve as the final notice provided there are no comments or questions regarding this project.