

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application from the Perry County Board of Education for the Robinson School Relocation, Rebuild, & Demolition. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

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. - Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives - and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 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).

President Biden issued new Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 in January 2021 to further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with applicants/subapplicants to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

This notice serves as a project-specific notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the proposed Demolition, Relocation and Rebuild of Robinson School. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: Public Assistance (PA) Program
Applicant: Perry County Public Board of Education
Project Title(s): DR4663 PW 02251 PN 707146 Robinson School Relocation, Rebuild, & Demolition located at 13150 KY-476, Ary, KY 41712

Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Facility Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Robinson School	37.36762, -83.14961	21193C0185E

*FIRM Panel effective 8/14/2024. Site is located within a Zone A mapped floodplain.
Site is not located within or adjacent to wetlands. [<https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>]*

Proposed Work and Purpose: The Applicant utilized contract services to demolish school building structure and dispose of incidental debris of the Robinson Elementary School (38,535SF). The applicant will utilize contracted architectural and engineering services to design the full replacement of Robinson Elementary School. The project aims to restore the facility to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity, in addition to incorporating a safe room. Additionally, the applicant plans to conduct further demolition actions; demolish the old building existing foundation, driveway, sidewalks, and parking areas.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* –Relocating the School's facilities may be a practicable alternative; applicant is evaluating alternatives for suitable land readily available.
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as the School Facilities are necessary to ensure that the essential education services are provided to the community. The center provides access to educational programs for the surrounded residents. The no action alternative would adversely impact social and economic resources for the community.

Comments: Comments: This will serve as both the initial and final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA HHPD program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA.R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing or email with the subject line "DR4663 PW 02251 PN 707146 Robinson School Relocation, Rebuild, & Demolition" at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING
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