

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Blue Ridge has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) as a sub-recipient.

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 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.

Applicant: The City of Blue Ridge

Project Title: DR-4400 City of Blue Ridge Generators for Critical Facilities

Location of Proposed Work:

Name of Structure: See Table

Address of Structure: See Table, Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

A map showing the location of all proposed installation locations is available by contacting Shannon Payne @ 706-633-9948 or spayne@cityofblueridgega.gov

Location	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Aska Road Lift Station #2	476 Aska Road	34.867554	-84.307241	1976, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP
HWY 515 Sewage Lift Station	30 Orvin Lance Connector	34.875670	-84.300927	1998, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP
Industrial Park Road Sewage Lift Station	1001 Fannin Industrial Park Road	34.881614	-84.295620	1987, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP
Willow Creek Sewage Lift Station	35 Trackside Lane	34.850359	-84.338232	1999, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the installation of transfer switches in flood zone AE (1% annual chance flood elevation) and A (no base flood elevation determined). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 13111C0181E, 13111C0068E, 13111C0177E. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Georgia and local floodplain regulations.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Blue Ridge is requesting funds to purchase and install fixed generators and transfer switches at critical facilities located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The proposed work conforms to all applicable local and state floodplain regulations. The proposed work has no effect on the local floodplain. The generators and transfer switches will be elevated to the 500-year flood level to mitigate any possible flood damage.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If not action is undertaken, the locations will continue to be at risk of experiencing prolonged power outages due to weather events. When there are power failures, sewer and waste water systems can be overwhelmed and can result in sewage spills of untreated waste into streams, rivers and other water sources

Alternative #2: The only practicable alternative is to rent a portable generator and transfer switches in the event of severe weather or other major storms. However, rental equipment might not be available at the moment needed.

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 the City of Blue Ridge. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Blue Ridge will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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