



According to the guidelines, FEMA requires that we address the following for the public notice requirements pertaining to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the property owner at 201 Bolick Street:

- (1) A statement of why the proposed action must be located in an area affecting or affected by a floodplain or a wetland;
- (2) A description of all significant facts considered in making this determination;
- (3) A list of the alternatives considered
- (4) A statement indicating whether the action conforms to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards;
- (5) A statement indicating how the action affects or is affected by the floodplain and/or wetland, and how mitigation is to be achieved;
- (6) Identification of the responsible official or organization for implementation and monitoring of the proposed action, and from whom further information can be obtained; and
- (7) A map of the area or a statement that such map is available for public inspection, including the location at which such map may be inspected and a telephone number to call for information.

City responses:

1. The home located at 201 Bolick Street (TMS# 05-0033-059-00-00) has applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to elevate the home above the base flood elevation (BFE). This project is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) shown on the Flood Information Rate Map (FIRM) for the City of Georgetown, dated March 16, 1989. The property is located in an AE9 floodzone, which means that during a 1% annual flood, water should come up to an elevation of 9 feet. The property has continued to flood over the past few decades from hurricanes and major rainfall events (such as the October 2015 South Carolina flood event). The home needs to be elevated to prevent the reoccurring flood losses. The two-story home cannot be relocated because of the large oak trees that protrude over the downtown streets of the historic district.

2. The city has been working with the property owner for over a year on this project. We have sent the stormwater department to the home several times to try and remedy the flooding situation with no luck. The surrounding land, which is in close proximity to the marsh and Winyah Bay, is just too low to add a stormwater system. We researched the local area and vacant lots to try and relocate the structure but there are only a couple lots in a vicinity that zoning would allow a house of this size to be relocated to, and the moving process wouldn't work in the downtown historic district neighborhood. We also looked into acquisition of the home so the city could demolish the structure and leave the lot as open space. This was not feasible to the homeowner or the city.

3. Installing a stormwater system with catch basins and pipes.
Relocation of the home.
Acquisition of the home.

4. The action that has been chosen to remedy the home from future flooding does conform to state and local floodplain protection standards. Elevation is the only true way to prevent the hazard of flooding.

5. The elevation of the home on pylons will allow future floodwaters to pass underneath the home without causing flood damage to the structure. Mechanical units, such as heat pumps, must also be

elevated to meet the regulations of the City of Georgetown Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This action should not threaten any of the neighboring properties with increased flooding.

6. The City of Georgetown will act as the sub-applicant for this HMGP project and the funds will be submitted through the city finance department. The Housing and Community Development Department, which encompasses building, zoning, planning, and floodplain management, will be the responsible party for implementation and monitoring of the action. For additional information on this project please contact Matthew Millwood at (843) 545-4016.

7. A map of the area for this HMGP project as well as FIRM maps for the entire city can be found in the Housing and Community Development Department at City Hall or by calling (843) 545-4016 or by emailing to mmillwood@cogsc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew D. Millwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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