

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application from Lawrence County for repairs to roads and roadway embankments along Yellow Creek Road, Lawrence County, Kentucky. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published June 16, 2023, for DR-4711, severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the road and embankment repairs needed on Yellow Creek Road, already located within the Floodplain prior to the event.

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: FEMA Public Assistance Program

Applicant: Lawrence County

Project Title(s): PW 4711-00032 PN 729365: Yellow Creek Road Group A - 0% Completed

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

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	Floodplain Designation	FIRM Panel
Site 1	37.99849, -82.51298	AE	54099C0332D
Site 2	37.99010, -82.50628	AE	54099C0332D

FIRM Panel effective 09/02/2016. Site is located outside of wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Lawrence County will use contractors and/or force account labor and materials to repair sections of roadway surface asphalt and associated embankments. Embankments will be repaired by the installation of rail and cribbing at areas of collapse.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – The relocation of Yellow Creek Road outside of the floodplain is not a practicable alternative as this road is part of a network of roadways connected to existing utility infrastructure and is geographically sited with convenient access to the residents of this community. Therefore, floodplain avoidance by relocating the road is not a practicable alternative and would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community.
- (2) *The No Action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the road remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function without being a hazard to human health and safety. The no action alternative would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA 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, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PW 4711-00032; 729365: Yellow Creek Road Group A - 0% Completed" 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

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 14TH **DAY OF** DECEMBER **2023**