FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Tupelo has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), as an Applicant.

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: City of Tupelo

Project Title: City of Tupelo Savannah Lane and Waddle Alley

Location of Proposed Work: Lee County

Name of Structure: Savannah Lane

Address of Structure: Savannah Lane, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Savannah Lane Roadway and Embankment	Savannah Lane, Tupelo, MS 38801	34.277273	-88.7819108	2012

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: The site is located within an AE Floodway Zone, which is part of the 100-year floodplain. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Lee County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 28081C0143E, dated 02/03/2010. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Mississippi and local floodplain regulations. During the tornadic event, Savannah Lane was damaged due to flood water and wind velocity.

There is potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the AE Floodway Zone. The proposed work will take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (R4SBC - Riverine).

Proposed Work and Purpose:
The Applicant will use contract and/or force account labor to repair Savannah Lane at approximately 34.277273, -88.781908, restoring the facility to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity. Work will include replacing 12.5 cubic yards of surface asphalt, 57 linear feet of curb and gutter, two 75-linear-foot sections of 24-inch HDPE culvert totaling 150 linear feet, one concrete spillway, and one concrete headwall. An HMP is attached that proposes upgrading the Savannah Lane drainage crossing by replacing the 24-inch HDPE culvert with a 60-foot-long, 8-foot by 4-foot precast concrete box culvert and one precast concrete wing wall to improve hydraulic capacity and durability.

The purpose of the project is to restore Savannah Lane's damaged roadway and drainage infrastructure to its pre-disaster function and capacity while improving the drainage crossing's hydraulic capacity and long-term durability to reduce the potential for future flood-related damage.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action) Under the no-action alternative, Savannah Lane would not be repaired. The damaged roadway and drainage crossing would remain in their current condition, potentially limiting safe and reliable access for residents, emergency responders, and the traveling public. This alternative could adversely affect community mobility, emergency response, and overall public welfare.

Alternative #2: (Relocation) Relocating Savannah Lane is not considered practical or cost-effective. The roadway is functionally dependent on its current location within the floodplain because it provides necessary transportation and pedestrian access across the waterbody and into and out of the surrounding area. Savannah Lane is used by residents, the general driving public, and emergency-response vehicles, including ambulances and fire trucks.

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 Tupelo. All comments are due within 15 days of this notice. The City of Tupelo 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: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region IV - EHP, 3005 Chamblee Tucker Rd – Office #255, Atlanta, GA 30341-4112 or by email at FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email "DR-4874-MS EHP FIT." Comments should be sent in writing at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

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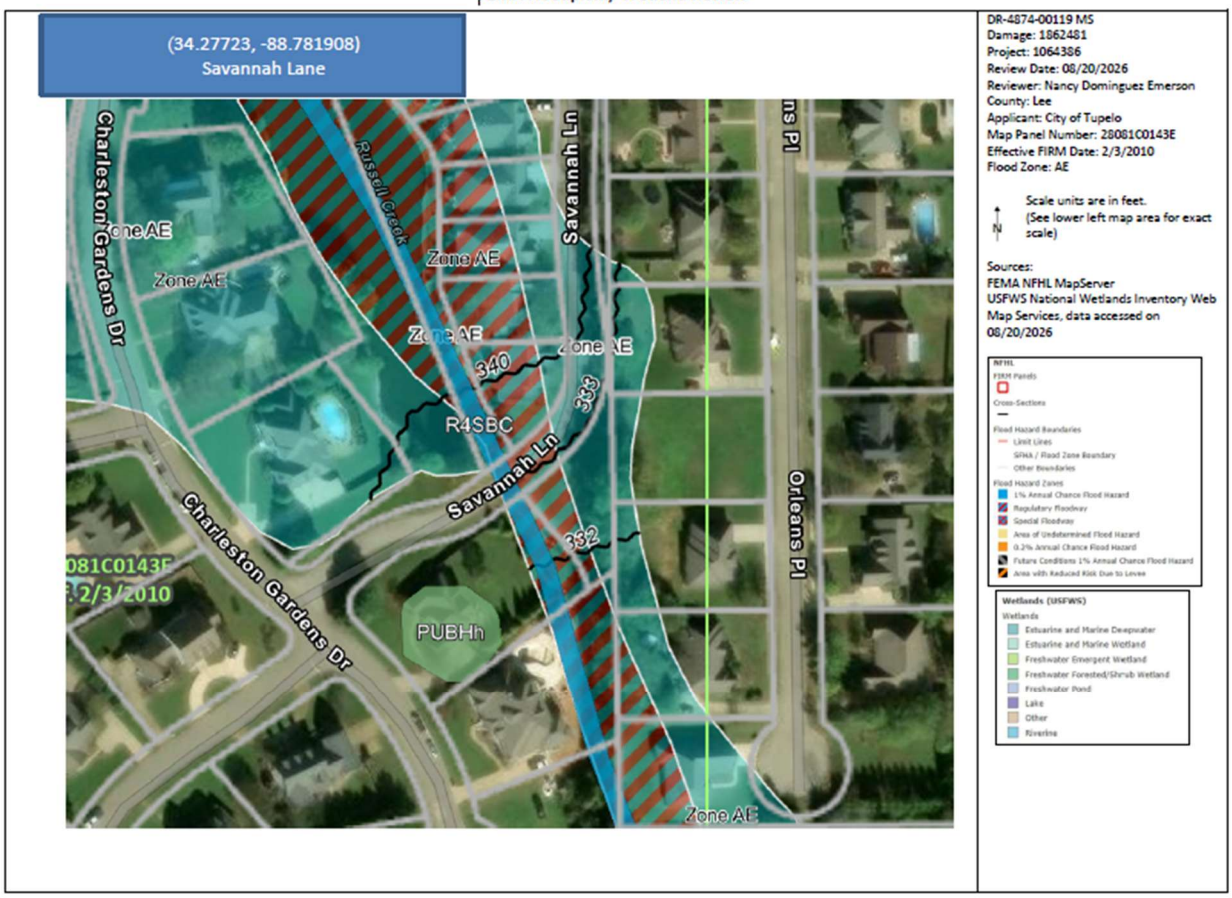

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