

Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies [USACE, SCDES], Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Charleston County under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Community Planning and Development (CPD) program B-24-CP-SC-2012 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain / wetland, and Charleston County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is identified by parcel identification number (PID) 2120000483 on Kiawah River Drive in Johns Island, Charleston County. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using 0.2 percent flood approach. Charleston County proposes to **construct an emergency medical service (EMS) and sheriff's office building and a St. John Fire District Fire Station** on the approximately 3.47-acre parcel (TMS No. 212-00-00-483). The purpose of the construction project is to establish emergency response facilities to serve the surrounding communities on Johns Island as growth and development continues. The proposed project site is intentionally and strategically located to effectively distribute emergency response services to the surrounding residents and communities. The proposed project site is located within the 0.2% annual chance flood hazard area (FIRM #45019C0645K); as proposed today, approximately 3.47 acres of floodplain and approximately 0.083-acres, or approximately 3,615 square feet, of wetlands would be impacted by the proposed emergency response facilities on the proposed project site.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain/wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the [floodplain/wetland]. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the floodplain/wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the floodplain/wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Charleston County at the following address on or before July 5, 2025 [a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16th day after the publication]: [Charleston County, Facilities Department, 4045 Bridge View Drive, Suite C216, North Charleston, SC 29405 and 843-202-6906, Attention: William Tuten, County Administrator, (RE: HUD Environmental Review). A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at address same as above and www.charlestoncounty.org or [Facilities Department](#) home page. Comments may also be submitted via email at cwohlfeil@charlestoncounty.org.

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