

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fort Valley Utility Commission 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: Fort Valley Utility Commission

Project Title: DR-4400 Fort Valley Utility Commission Generators

Location of Proposed Work:

Name of Structure: Blue Bird Lift Station

Address of Structure: Fort Valley, Peach County, GA

A map showing the location of all proposed installation locations is available by contacting Gray Widstrom at (478) 477-3923

Location	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Blue Bird Lift Station	475 Blue Bird Boulevard Fort Valley, GA 31030	32.564226	-83.880131	1995, not eligible for inclusion in NRHP

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the installation of a fixed generator in flood zone A (1% annual chance flood elevation). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 13225C0084C. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Georgia and local floodplain regulations.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Fort Valley Utility Commission is requesting funds to purchase and install a fixed generator at a critical facility 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 fixed generator will be elevated to the 500-year flood level to mitigate any possible flood damage.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no 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, water systems are hindered from supplying clean water to communities at times of disaster.

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 Fort Valley Utility Commission. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The Fort Valley Utility Commission 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:

Fort Valley Utility Commission

Address: 500 Anthoine Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, 31030
Phone: 478-825-7701

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