

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Magnolia Ridge Pump Station Project, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana
HMGP DR-4080-LA Project #3

Interested persons are hereby notified that St. Charles Parish has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to St. Charles Parish for construction of the Magnolia Ridge Pump Station. The project would include the construction of a 500 cubic feet per second (cfs) pump station and a detention pond which would mitigate future damages to surrounding communities caused by storm surges.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1 for implementing NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 44 CFR Part 9. The draft EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives evaluated include (1) no action; (2) the proposed action described above.

The draft EA is available for review and comment at St. Charles Parish Courthouse, Grants Office, 15045 River Road, Hahnville, 70057 from Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm; from September 22, 2016 to October 21, 2016. An electronic version of the draft EA can be requested from Sarah Carrino, FEMA Region 6, at sarah.carrino@fema.dhs.gov or viewed on FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/119070>.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to Sarah Carrino, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 800 N Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209, Fax: 940-297-0152; sarah.carrino@fema.dhs.gov. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.