

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for The Happy Church, Breathitt 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 September 9, 2022, for DR-4663 Severe Storms, 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 Floodplain Area. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs of the Happy Church buildings, already located within the Floodplain Area 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: The Happy Church

Project Title(s): PW 00873; PN 685552: Happy Lane Buildings

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

Building Name (Address)	GPS Coordinates	Wetland Designation	FIRM Panel
Gym and Store Building	37.53342, -83.36366	N/A	21025C0186C
Emmee's Place Building	37.53353, -83.36337	N/A	21025C0186C
Barn Building	37.53468, -83.36375	N/A	21025C0186C
Abbey Building	37.53478, -83.36382	N/A	21025C0186C
Chicken Coop	37.53477, -83.36435	N/A	21025C0186C

FIRM Panel effective 04/02/2008. Sites are located inside ZONE AE regulated floodplains.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The Happy Church – Breathitt County plans to use contractors to return damaged building interior and components back to pre-disaster condition. The following Happy Church owned facilities will be affected: Gym and Store building (37.53342, -83.36366). Emmee's Place Building (37.53353, -83.36337). DI: 1248200-Barn Building (37.53468, -83.36375). Abbey Building (37.53478, -83.36382). Chicken Coop (37.53477, -83.36435). In addition to return to pre-disaster repairs, the Happy Lane Gym and Store building (37.53342, -83.36366), will have its existing floor replaced with a concrete floor to mitigate the effects of future flooding.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – Relocating the facility outside the floodplain would require purchase of a large tract of land to support the reconstruction of The Happy Church complex. The damages to the buildings are limited in scope and relocating the church and its related structures would likely outweigh the cost of repairing the buildings back to pre-disaster condition.
- (2) *No Action alternative* – The no action alternative is not feasible as forgoing work would adversely impact the health and safety of 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 00873; PN: 685552, The Happy Church" 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 thehappychurch.org DAY OF 10/13 2023