

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application from The Happy Church for the repairs of the Happy Church Clayhole Building. 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 Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs of the Happy Church Clayhole Building, already located within a 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 01811; PN 685529 Happy Church Clayhole Building

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

Facility Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Happy Church Clayhole Building	37.46623, -83.27955	21025C0350C Zone AE

*FIRM Panel effective 04/02/2008. Site is located outside regulated wetlands.*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The applicant will replace siding (aluminum, wood), ext. and int. doors, windows, HVAC units, Wall components and drywall, ceiling components including acoustic tile and drywall, floor finishes, and bathroom components, and mold remediation to restore Clayhole building to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within existing footprint. The applicant will make repairs to the church parking lot by replacing 136.61 tons of gravel to bring site back to pre-disaster condition in the existing footprint.

Project includes Hazard Mitigation Proposal (HMP): The applicant will floodproof the Clayhole building by installing a flood plank barrier to exterior doors, sealing exterior walls with an epoxy water-proofer coating, sealing the gap between the sill plate and masonry foundation wall, adding flood openings to the crawlspace and vapor barrier between foundation and soil, elevating the HVAC system, adding backflow preventers to the septic system, and replacing interior finishes with flood damage-resistant materials, in compliance with or exceeding the applicable codes, standards and regulations requirements.

### Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – The damage to the structure is limited in scope and the cost of relocation would likely outweigh the cost to repair the structure at current location. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the Happy Church Clayhole Building is not a practicable alternative as the relocation would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community.
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the Happy Church Clayhole Building remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function.

**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 01811; PN 685529: Happy Church Clayhole Building" at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING**

**NOTICE WAS POSTED ON <https://thehappychurch.org/> DAY OF 09-27-2024 2024**