

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application from The Happy Church. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published September 9, 2022, and amended January 12, 2023, for DR-4663-KY. 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 facility, already located within the Special Flood Hazard 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 (PA) 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:		
Site(s) Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Clayhole Building	37.46623, -83.27955	21025C0350D
Clayhole Campus Parking Lot	37.46558, -83.27983	21025C0350D

FIRM Panel 21025C0350D effective 08/14/2024. Site is located within a Zone A mapped floodplain.

Sites are not located within or adjacent to wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The Happy Church is utilizing force account labor and/or contracts for interior and exterior repairs to the Clayhole Building and Clayhole Campus Parking Lot. Clayhole Building repairs consist of installation of wall insulation to the gym and electrical repairs as well as restoring the interior components such as wall assemblies and drywall, ceiling assemblies and finishes, doors, floor finishes and bathroom components and replacement of exterior components including wood siding, doors, windows, and HVAC units. A Hazard Mitigation Proposal has been included to install flood plank barriers to exterior doors, sealing exterior walls with epoxy coating, sealing foundation gaps, elevating the HVAC system, adding flood openings to the crawlspace along with a vapor barrier, adding backflow preventers, and replacing interior finishes with flood-resistant materials per applicable Codes & Standards. Clayhole Campus Parking Lot repairs will consist of replacing gravel surface.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *No Action Alternative* - This alternative is not feasible as the repairs and mitigation are necessary to ensure that the facility remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts may be experienced.
- (2) *Relocation outside of the floodplain* – This alternative is not practicably or technically feasible as it would require the movement of multiple buildings as well as their components and rights-of-way to an area outside of the floodplain that could both accommodate all associated aspects of the Clayhole Campus and maintain the purpose of the facility serving the surrounding community. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative and would adversely impact social or economic resources for 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 or email with the subject line "PN 685529 – The Happy Church – 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 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 18th **DAY OF** April **2025**