

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the removal and replacement of the Perry County CR 1487, Rays Road Bridge (ID 097C025) over Lotts Creek in Hazard, 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 July 29, 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 replacement of Rays Road Bridge, already located within the Floodplain 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: Kentucky Department of Transportation

Project Title(s): PW 4663-01176 PN 686532: Removal and replacement of Perry County CR 1487, Rays Road Bridge (ID 097C025) over Lotts Creek, Hazard, KY

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

Building Name (Address)	GPS Coordinates	Wetland Designation	FIRM Panel
Rays Road Bridge Hazard, KY 41701	37.28629, -83.14333	A	21119C0175C

FIRM Panel effective 09/28/2007. Site is located inside ZONE A regulated floodplains.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Kentucky Department of Transportation will use contractors and/or force account labor and materials to remove and replace Rays Road Bridge which carries Rays Road over Lotts Creek and restore safe access for members of the community to their homes, and for municipal services including emergency vehicles and school buses to access those homes, if necessary.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facility outside of the floodplain* – The relocation of Rays Road Bridge, in this geographically restricted setting, outside of the floodplain is not a practicable alternative as the bridge is connected to CR 1487 (Lotts Creek Road) on the west and provides the principal access route for homes and structures within the neighborhood connected by Rays Road. There is no alternative location this bridge could be moved to outside of the floodplain where it would continue to serve its purpose.
- (2) *The No Action alternative* – The no action alternative would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community, should the damaged bridge fail. Emergency response vehicles would also be unable to access the neighborhood without using an upstream or downstream bridge, causing a potential hazard to health and safety for residents.

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 4663-01176; PN: 686532, Kentucky Department of Transportation, Perry County – CR 1487 Rays Road Bridge (ID 097C025) Replacement" 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

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