

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. For the replacement of Perry County - CR 1794 - Bridge ID 097C011. 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 replacement of the Buck Branch Bridge, 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:** Kentucky Department of Transportation

**Project Title(s):** PW 01220; PN 686520: Perry County - CR 1794 - Bridge ID 097C011

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

Facility Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Buck Branch Bridge ID 097C011	37.34887, -83.30551	21193C0175D

*FIRM Panel effective 08/02/2006. Site is located outside regulated wetlands.*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The repairs to this facility will consist of the replacement of the Buck Branch bridge, the installation of fill material and rip rap around the bridge, and the replacement of asphalt surface material along the roadway. Mitigation for this site will consist of the replacement of the old 45-foot bridge with a new 68-foot bridge, replacing the old vertical stone masonry abutments with new piles and end bents, and a change in the beam material from steel beams to concrete beams. The purpose of this facility is to provide access over the creek for residents and emergency responders who live to the south of the bridge.

### Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – The relocation of the bridge outside of the floodplain is not a practicable alternative because the bridge functions as the only access route for homes and structures located south of the bridge. Emergency response would also be unable to access the area south of the bridge which would be a hazard to health and safety for the community. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facilities is not a practicable alternative as the bridge provides the only access route for Buck Branch Drive and the relocation would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community.
- (2) *No action alternative* – The alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the bridge remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function without being a hazard to human health and safety. The no action alternative 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 with the subject line "PW 01220; PN 686520: Perry County - CR 1794 - Bridge ID 097C011" 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**

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