

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Geneva County Commission has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding through the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), as an Applicant.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Applicant: Geneva County Commission

Project Title: 161315 - Bridges Damages at Geneva County

Location of Proposed Work: Multiple locations.

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Line Rd Over Eight Mile Creek Bridge	2404 Line Rd, Samson, Alabama 36477	30.99358	-86.17163	1964
Caldwell Road Over Sandy Creek Bridge & Approaches	3200 Caldwell Road, Samson, Alabama, 36477	31.04750	-86.01472	1958
White Oak Road Over Hurricane Creek	860 White Oak Road, Slocomb, Alabama 36375	31.05639	-85.62420	1990

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: Line Rd Over Eight Mile Creek Bridge is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) – Zone A. Confirmation of Line Rd Over Eight Mile Creek Bridge in the SFHA was determined by the Geneva County Flood Insurance Rate Map 12131C0060G, dated 09/29/2010. Caldwell Road Over Sandy Creek Bridge & Approaches is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) – Zone A. Confirmation of Caldwell Road Over Sandy Creek Bridge & Approaches in the SFHA was determined by the Geneva County Flood Insurance Rate Map 01061C0220D, dated 02/20/2008. White Oak Road Over Hurricane Creek is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) – Zone A. Confirmation of White Oak Road Over Hurricane Creek in the SFHA was determined by the Geneva County Flood Insurance Rate Map 01061C0295E, dated 05/02/2016. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. During the incident period of 9/14/2020 - 9/16/2020, Hurricane Sally caused widespread flooding resulting in high velocity stream and drainage flows that washed out portions of roadways and bridges at three (3) locations in Geneva County.

There is a potential for the sites to be impacted by future events due to their location within Zone A flood zones. The proposed work will be conducted within wetlands, as identified through the United States Fish and Wildlife national Wetland Inventory (NWI).

Proposed Work and Purpose: The Applicant will utilize contracts for the repairs of Line Rd Over Eight Mile Creek Bridge, Caldwell Road Over Sandy Creek Bridge & Approaches, and White Oak Road Over Hurricane Creek to replace these facilities to updated Code and Standards and using best construction practices.

In order to protect against and lessen the impact of future similar events, the Geneva County Commission has requested 406 mitigation funding.

Line Rd Over Eight Mile Creek Bridge: Mitigation will be accomplished as part of the method of repair thru Codes and Standards, replace the 16.1 Ft W x 88.9 Ft L timber bridge with a complete New upgraded larger 24 Ft W X 120 Ft L Concrete Deck – Simple Span Bridge. Concrete abutments and Rip Rap protection on the new slopes to the new abutments or wing walls.

Caldwell Road Over Sandy Creek Bridge & Approaches: Mitigation will be accomplished as part of the method of repair thru Codes and Standards, replace the 16.4 Ft W x 32.2 Ft L timber bridge with a complete New upgraded larger 24.5 Ft W X 40 Ft L Concrete Deck – Simple Span Bridge. Concrete abutments and Rip Rap protection on the new slopes to the new abutments or wing walls.

White Oak Road Over Hurricane Creek: Mitigation will be accomplished as part of the method of repair thru Codes and Standards, replace the 16.1 Ft W x 45.9 Ft L timber bridge with a complete New upgraded larger 24.5 Ft W X 88 Ft L Concrete Deck – Simple Span Bridge. Concrete abutments and Rip Rap protection on the new slopes to the new abutments or wing walls.

The proposed repairs are intended to restore the functionality of the three sites, ensuring their continued use for transportation purposes.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is not taken to any of the three sites, it will impact the overall well-being of the community.

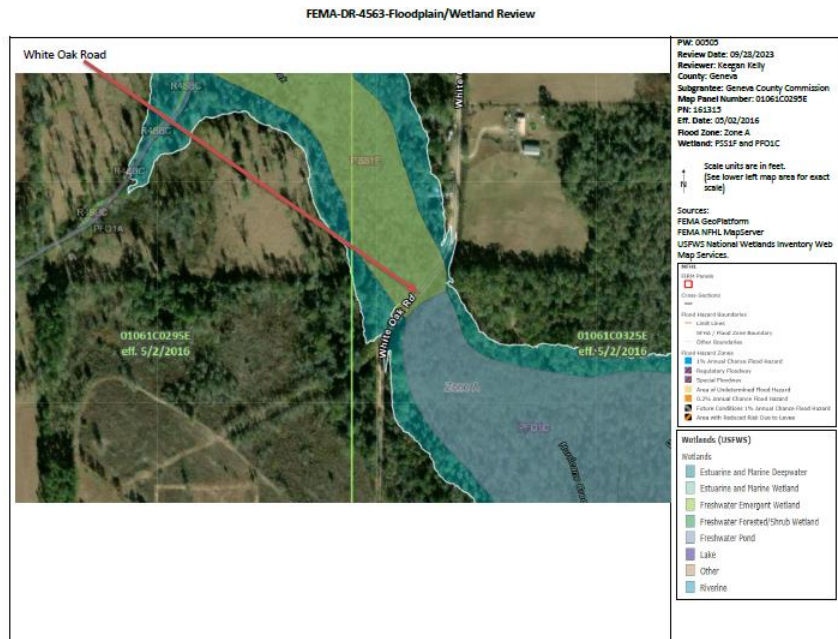
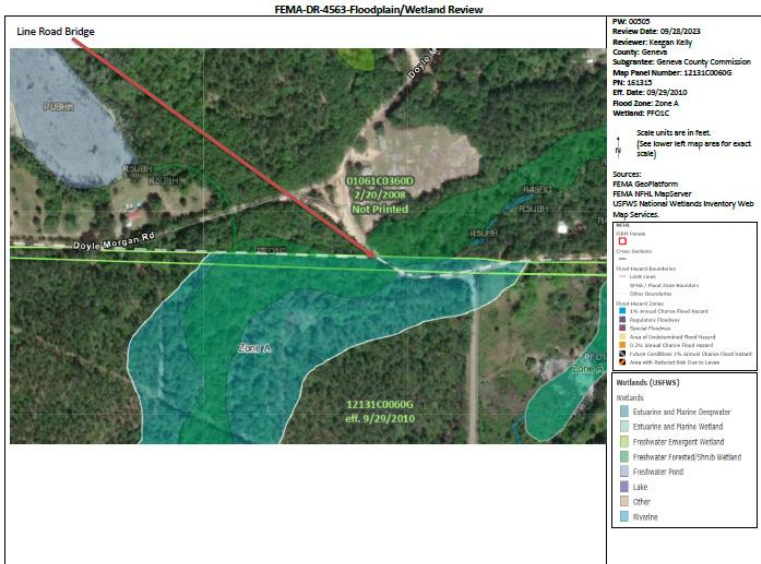
Alternative #2: Relocation of the bridges would not be economically feasible. Given their integral role within the larger transportation system, which is essential for the community.

Comment Period: Comments are solicited from the public, local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Geneva County Commission. All comments are due within 15 days of this notice. The Geneva County Commission will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region IV - EHP, 3005 Chamblee Tucker Rd – Office #255, Atlanta, GA 30341-4112 or by email at FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email “DR-4563-AL EHP FIT.” Comments should be sent in writing at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

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