

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Tybee Island. 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 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

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. - Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives - and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 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).

President Biden issued new Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 in January 2021 to further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with applicants/sub applicants to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

This notice serves as a project- specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is build a safe room 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 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
**Applicant:** City of Tybee  
**Project Title(s):** HMGP 4400-0054 City of Tybee Island Safe Room

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

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
510 Jones Avenue, Tybee Island, Georgia 31328	32.0079, -80.8449	Panel 13051C0213G
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All Panels effective 2018. Sites are located within regulatory floodways. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The City of Tybee Island is requesting funds to construct a Tornado and Hurricane safe room with full ADA capabilities, which will be available to those in the immediate area of City Hall, YMCA, Tybee Maritime Academy, and Memorial Park. This facility will be operational during times of high wind events, such as tornadoes or severe thunderstorms, in the City of Tybee Island. The purpose of this safe room is provided directly accessible shelter for those whose personal residences do not provide an adequate level of protection against high wind events when inclement weather strikes.

The facility will also be operational during hurricane watch and warnings and serve as a Hurricane Safe Room for first responders, critical and essential service personnel, and facility occupants and for individuals that cannot evacuate.

### Project Alternatives:

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): If no action is taken, the residents of the surrounding community will continue to be left with minimal to no protection during future tornadoes and high wind events. If no action is taken, the critical workforce of Tybee Island and those who cannot evacuate will be left with minimal to no protection during future hurricanes.

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**Alternative #2:** Due to elevation constraints of the island, the location required to affect the population, and available space, it is accepted that there are no other areas acceptable for alternative project location.

**Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA HMGP 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, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "HMGP 4400-0054 City of Tybee Island Safe Room" 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 17th DAY OF June 2022**