

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE
FEMA-4277-DR-LA

Executive Order 11988: Floodplain Management/Executive Order 11990
Protection of Wetlands

Public Notice is hereby given that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide assistance to Lafayette's Greater First Apostolic Church of Lafayette, LA (Apostolic Christian School) via the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (GOHSEP) through its Public Assistance program for the repair and rebuild of the damaged facility, located at 717 Duhon Road, Lafayette, LA. A map of the project area is available for public inspection at the following website: <http://lafayettefac.org/map.pdf>.

FEMA has determined that the proposed action is located within the regulatory floodplain and/or a wetland. Presidential Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), as implemented in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 9, require that certain federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed to determine if there are any practicable alternatives outside of the floodplain or wetland; to identify and minimize impacts; and to provide initial and final notification to the public regarding its actions in the floodplain or wetlands. Initial public notice has already been achieved for this project either through a disaster-specific cumulative notice or a project specific individual notice. Any comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice constitutes final public notice as required by 44 CFR Part 9.12.

The proposed action as described above must be located in an area affecting or affected by a floodplain or a wetland because it is the only practicable alternative that will achieve the purpose and need for the project. The Apostolic Christian School is partially located in a designated floodway (FEMA Preliminary FIRM revised February 15, 2017), while other portions are located within Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Zone A (FEMA Effective FIRM January 19, 1996). Reconstruction is proposed to be implemented via relocation of campus buildings to adjacent property outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area, Zone X, and may fall within the boundaries of the AE zone. A temporary campus will be established within the boundaries of the AE zone consisting of: three (3) 24x66 modular units, two (2) 24x64 modular units, and one (1) 60 x 48 tent unit for auditorium space (FEMA Preliminary FIRM revised February 15, 2017). The temporary campus will be owned by the subapplicant. The proposed action will be performed in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and will conform to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards. Relocation and reconstruction of the Apostolic Christian School on the adjacent property will completely remove the campus of the Apostolic Christian School from the regulatory floodway and the SFHA. Further information regarding this project can be obtained from GOHSEP or Shane Milazzo, Apostolic Christian School Principal at sjmilazzo@gmail.com.

We are seeking public comments from August 6th, 2018 to August 23rd, 2018, in reference to the proposed work (temporary campus) within a special hazard flood zone (AE). For comments, please send email to sjmilazzo@gmail.com