

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, in conjunction with Michigan State Police, has applied for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Charter Township of Meridian Mitigation Project. The objective of HMA programs is to fund mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future hazard events or disasters. The proposed project is Acquisition and demolition of 5040 Algonquin Way, Okemos, MI, located in the floodplain. Meridian Township will hire an appraiser to determine fair market value of the property, which will then be sent to the state for review. If given purchase authorization from the state, the Township will make an offer to the homeowner and will make the homeowner aware that their participation in the project is strictly voluntary. The Township will obtain professional appraisers and provide the information to the homeowner. If the homeowner is not satisfied with the Township's appraisal amount, they will be given the opportunity for reconsideration. The homeowner will have the option to obtain their own appraisal at their own expense and provide it to the Township. In this situation, both appraisals will be sent to and considered by the State Hazard Mitigation Officer who will have an independent review appraiser mediate between the two values. If the homeowner accepts the offer, the Township will begin the process of acquiring a title company to obtain title insurance and schedule a closing. Once closing has been completed, the Township will record FEMA's model deed restriction so the property will remain open space in perpetuity. The township will procure a demolition contractor using 2 CFR 200 requirements. The home will be demolished within 90 days of the real estate closing. The demolition of the property will require a permit from the Michigan Department of Energy Great Lakes and Environment (EGLE) and will also require a soil erosion control permit and the use of silt fencing. Following demolition of the structure, clean fill material from existing stockpiles or commercially procured material from pre-existing sources shall be used to backfill the site. Any debris resulting from the demolition of the structure will be deposited in an approved landfill. The property will be purchased at current fair market value and the project will be implemented in conformance with 44 CFR Part 80.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, EO 11988 and EO 11990, public notice is required of any federal actions that may affect floodplains or wetlands. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, public notice is also required for some projects which have the potential to affect historic properties. All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction and completion of the project.

Public participation is encouraged. Those interested are invited to comment within 30 days by e-mail to [fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov) or by mail to:

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