

South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) – Public Notice

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South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR)
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To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

SCOR and the City of Mauldin plan to undertake a project known as *Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements at Oak Park Drive*, which is located in the vicinity of Oak Park Drive, Elkwood Street, and Old Keith Court, within the municipal limits of the City of Mauldin, in Greenville County, South Carolina. The purpose of the project is to address and prevent future significant flooding events in the neighborhood by upgrading the stormwater infrastructure from dual 48” pipes to a 5’x4’ box culvert system underneath the east side of Elkwood Street, in addition to stream restoration of a tributary of Gilder Creek within the City’s Springfield Park upstream of Oak Park Drive. SCOR intends to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as part of the Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP), resulting in a total project cost of \$ 3,560,005.

The tributary proposed for stream restoration is located in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Zone AE floodplain and floodway. A FEMA Flood Insurance Study on the tributary (FIS # 45045CV001D) was published on June 24, 2021. The proposed project’s effect on the tributary was simulated by obtaining the FEMA hydraulic model for the 100-year base flood elevations (BFE) and 100-year FEMA regulated floodway. The change in water surface elevation from the Existing BFE to the proposed project model is a maximum of 0.01’ outside of the project area. The BFE increases within the project area on the City of Mauldin property of Springfield Park. The maximum rise in BFE in this area is 0.08’. The projected increases do not impact any structures. Three alternatives were considered in addition to the selected design. A No-Build Alternative would not have addressed the risk of property damage and downstream flooding impacts. Alternative 1 would have upsized the stormwater pipes in their current position, but not addressed risks to private property damage. Alternative 2 would have developed an off-site detention pond, but it was eliminated due to the large area required and utility conflicts. The selected design alternative was considered the best practicable alternative due to the flood reduction benefits throughout the majority of the project by restoring the upstream tributary and increasing the size of the stormwater pipes downstream.

SCOR and the City have completed an environmental review and determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the environmental review record (ERR) on file at the South Carolina Office of Resilience, 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201, and may be examined or copied weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR or the floodplain management to the South Carolina Office of Resilience, 632 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201 (RE: [*Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements at Oak Park Drive* – Environmental Review], by email to Keely.Lewis-Schroer@scor.sc.gov, or by phone (839) 250-0171 . All comments received by July 23, 2025 will be considered by SCOR prior to authorizing use of the ARPA ASIP funds for implementation of the project. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.