

Public Notice of the Intent of FEMA to Fund a Project Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project # 4020-0065

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to the State of New York (Grantee), who will provide funds to Franklin County (Sub-grantee), to acquire and demolish flood-prone structures in the Town of Malone.

The proposed undertaking is the acquisition of ten private properties (nine with structures and one vacant lot) on Lower Park Street in the Town of Malone. The properties are located in or adjacent to the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Salmon River and have sustained repetitive damages from flooding and ice jams.

Acquisitions will be from willing sellers only. Properties will be acquired, structures demolished, and sites graded and seeded. Deed restrictions will prohibit future development and sites will be maintained in perpetuity as open space under the County's ownership.

Federal Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management, and 11990, Protection of Wetlands, require federal agencies to review proposed actions in floodplains and/or wetlands and explore practicable alternatives to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts. The alternative to acquisition/demolition would be to leave these properties vulnerable to an ongoing cycle of flooding, ice jams, repairs and rebuilding. The proposed undertaking will remove structures from the floodplain and create open space to restore the beneficial values served by floodplains and wetlands.

The public is invited to provide comments about this project. Written comments may be submitted by mail to FEMA Region II, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Leo O'Brien Federal Building, 11A Clinton Square, Room 742, Albany, New York 12206-5421 or by email to FEMA-R2-HMA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be submitted within thirty (30) days of this notice.