

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Ashe County. 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).

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published Saturday, October 5, 2024 for DR-4827 Tropical Storm Helene. 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. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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 to fund the purchase and installation of a generator for the site below that was 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:** Ashe County

**Project Title(s):** Ashe County Generator Project

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

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Creston Volunteer Fire Department Unit 2	36.3898974, -81.6874101	3710290700J

*Panel effective 11/4/2009. Site is located in a special flood hazard area. Site is not located within or adjacent to wetlands.*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Purchase and installation of one 22 KW generator to ensure the continuous operation of the site listed above to provide critical services to the community in the event of a power disruption.

### Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Purchase of a portable generator* – Purchasing a portable generator is not a feasible alternative as these generators must be deployed during a power outage, which relies on human intervention and can lead to delays depending on personnel availability and site access during the outage. Relying on this solution will not fully mitigate the risk of power outages at the sites listed above.
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as it is critical to ensure continuous operation of these facilities in the event of a power outage. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts may be experienced.

**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 4827 Ashe County Generator Project" 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 January 27<sup>th</sup> 2026**