

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of University City has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) as a Subrecipient.

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. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Subrecipient: City of University City, St. Louis County, MO.

Project Title: Grants Manager #684123 – University City Citywide Buildings; PA-07-MO-4665-PW-00168.

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	GPS	Description of damages	Date of Construction
Building 1, Sign shop	38.66498, -90.31665	Interior drywall, insulation, and section of interior concrete wall impacted by 3 to 4 feet of flooding.	1970s
Building 2, parks maintenance office	38.66539, -90.31676	Interior drywall, office ceiling, 20 electrical outlets, and wall paneling impacted by 3 to 4 feet of flooding.	1970s
Building 3, Murph Building	38.665374, -90.317089	Interior drywall in offices, restroom, storage rooms, as well as 10 electrical outlets, impacted by 3 to 4 feet of flooding.	1970s
Building 4, Central Garage	38.665132, -90.316754	Vinyl tile office flooring and hallways, ceramic floor tiles in restrooms, 85 electrical outlets, boilers and electrical components, interior drywall, wall paneling, two electrical panels, interior insulation, and garage bay door impacted by 3 to 4 feet of flooding.	1970s
Building 5, Heman Park Community Center	38.66344, -90.31633	600 square feet of floor tile, six doors, and exterior air conditioning compressor damaged by flooding.	1920s
Fencing	38.664203, -90.316973	GPS identified is for electric access gate and components, categorized as part of a larger fence repair. Electric gate controls and control chain	N/A

		damaged. In addition, approx. 360 linear feet of 8-foot-high chain link fence was impacted by flooding (start: 38.665401, -90.317942; end: 38.664197, -90.317196).	
Weigh Station	38.664373, -90.316601	Primary metal plate of weigh station was shifted by floodwaters.	N/A
Fuel Management System	38.665193, -90.316834	Stationary gas pump within maintenance yard.	N/A
Vehicle or Equipment Damage	Equipment throughout various locations	Moveable pieces of equipment: street sweeper, street vacuum, track hoe, and various building contents.	N/A

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

The various buildings identified in this project are located with a Special Flood Hazard Area, known as a 100-year floodplain, as mapped on University City Flood Insurance Rate Map 29189C0212K, dated 2/4/2015. The regulatory floodway of the River Des Peres is on the west side of the maintenance yard and community center. The Heman Park Community Center is located within the regulatory floodway, as well as the exterior fencing of the maintenance yard. The sign shop, park maintenance office, Murph building, central garage, maintenance yard fuel management system, and weigh station are located in Zone AE 100-year floodplain fringe, and are outside of the floodway. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location near the flood hazard area. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The scope of work will replace facility contents and remove and replace damaged interior floors and walls, consisting of drywall and insulation, and interior electrical and mechanical systems. Specific interior work will replace over 100 electric outlets, 4 components of a water heating system (boiler and control panels), and a garage bay door. Exterior work will restore approximately 360 linear feet of fencing in original location on western boundary, as well as an electronic control panel for entrance gate. The scope of work will restore fuel management system (gas pump), and weigh station plate. The scope of work for the Heman Park Community Center will restore 600 square feet of floor tile, six doors, and elevate an exterior air conditioning compressor by four feet. Various moveable pieces of equipment will be repaired or replaced, such as a track hoe, a street vacuum, and a street sweeper. Building contents such as office supplies and furniture will be replaced.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The “no action” alternative would leave the community maintenance yard and community center with unrepaired interior spaces and reduce functionality of various facilities, such as the weigh station.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): The city has determined this alternative is not practicable as there is no available land for the city to purchase for relocation. The cost of purchase and subsequent construction would outweigh the cost of repairs in this location.

Alternative #3 (Repairs, with mitigation): Most of the facilities included within this project will be

repaired, with minimal floodproofing measures added to enhance future resilience. The Heman Park Community Center's air conditioning compressor has been elevated four feet during the course of restoration of that facility.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public, local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the following email: R7-MIT-EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4665-MO-00168 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days after the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice