

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final public notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located within a floodplain and wetland. Funding for this project would be provided through the Maine Emergency Management Agency to the Town of Chapman for the replacement of an existing culvert.

The federal action is located on West Chapman Road in Chapman, ME. The project would include the replacement of an existing 54-inch corrugated metal pipe culvert with a 22-foot wide, 8-foot tall and 50-foot-long closed bottom concrete box culvert. Additional work would include installation of coffer dams and erosion controls, installation of stone bedding, riprap and removing and replacing existing guardrails. Potential excavation of geotechnical borings may be required as part of the scope of work. All equipment would be staged off West Chapman Road in a small gravel patch.

The project is located within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain) and an area that contains bordering vegetative wetlands. Erosion and sedimentation control measures would be utilized to minimize impacts to wetlands. The project is to increase the capacity of the culvert and is intended to reduce flooding and improve hydraulic conditions. A map of the area is available upon request.

The project must take place within a floodplain and wetland because of the nature and purpose of the project. Alternatives were considered, including the installation of a smaller sized box culvert and the "No Action" alternative. However, both alternatives were determined to be less effective at mitigating the flood risk problem at the project site. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain and wetland impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

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