

FEMA FLOOD STUDY UPDATE FOR AREAS OF CITY OF CAMILLA

As a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is currently performing Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates for Mitchell County. As part of this project, DNR’s mapping contractor, Dewberry and its sub-contractors Columbia Engineering, will conduct surveys for flood studies on a variety of streams within City of Camilla. The data collection in the City of Camilla will take place between September 2020 and October 2020. All efforts will be made to collect the survey data with a minimum of inconvenience for the affected property owner. There may be times when field crews will need to enter a property to get better access to the stream.

Members of the field crews will have letters on hand describing the project and their purpose for those individuals that want to verify their presence. The data collection is permitted by and in accordance with Georgia Law Title O.C.G.A. § 12-2-4, which states:

“The department shall make such examination, survey, and mapping of the geology, mineralogy, and topography of the state, including their industrial and economic utilization, as it may consider necessary.”

It is estimated that this project will take 5 years to complete. Once all the engineering has been completed then there will be a Public Open House held for the county and the incorporated communities to come view the revised FIRM and FIS. The open house will provide property owners the opportunity to see the preliminary maps, learn about their risk of flooding, and ask questions about what the new maps will mean for their property. Property owners will be able to meet one-on-one with a variety of specialists who will be available to talk about flood insurance, engineering, building permits and more.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Haydn Blaize, Georgia NFIP Coordinator, at Haydn.Blaize@dnr.ga.gov or via phone at 404-463-4935 or Charles Kelly, City of Camilla Planning and Zoning Administrator, at charlesk@cityofcamilla.com or via phone at 229-330-2315.

September 3, 2020

Dear Property Owner:

RE: Flood Study Survey for City of Camilla

As a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is currently performing Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates for your community. As part of the collaborative effort between FEMA, the DNR and the local communities, the State’s mapping contractor, Dewberry and its subcontractor Columbia Engineering, will conduct survey for a flood study for Big Slough Tributary 10, Butler Branch, Lowland-Big Slough Branch, Lowland Branch 1, Seaboard Branch, Westwood Branch 1 and Westwood Branch 2 within your community.

This work will be done with a minimum of inconvenience to you, and is permitted by and in accordance with Georgia Law Title O.C.G.A. § 12-2-4, which states:

“The department shall make such examination, survey, and mapping of the geology, mineralogy, and topography of the state, including their industrial and economic utilization, as it may consider necessary.”

Thank you for your cooperation in allowing survey crews on your property and your assistance with this important project. If you have questions, please contact Joseph Martinenza at joseph.martinenza@dnr.ga.gov or via phone at 404-651-8499.

Sincerely,



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