

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for City of Walhalla due to damages as a result of Hurricane Helene (DR-4829-SC). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990 and 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice for Hurricane Helene (DR-4829-SC) was published on 10/04/2024. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding of an action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to repair this facility at its original location within the Floodplain (Zone AE) because the facility is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain.

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 Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: City of Walhalla

Project Title(s): Pedestrian Bridge
PA-04-SC-4829-PW-01600 (GM PN 826196)

Location of Proposed Work: 272 Tulip Drive, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691
GPS Coordinates: 34.77492, -83.05623 to 34.77492, -83.05645

Floodplain/Wetlands: Project is located in Zone AE, per Oconee County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel Number 45073C0195D, dated 12/21/2017. The proposed work will take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data, accessed 08/26/2025.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The City of Walhalla intends to remove and replace an existing wooden pedestrian bridge with a metal truss bridge. The repairs will include the replacement of foundations, decking, cables, telephone poles, supports, boards, turnbuckles, cross braces, clamps, bolts, and the landing deck and steps to restore the facility to pre-disaster function and capacity. The city also plans to install new wingwalls and riprap as part of a hazard mitigation proposal to strengthen the bridge support and embankment to withstand future storm events. The project and proposed mitigation will allow for continued recreation and open space opportunities in the community.

Project Alternatives: FEMA has considered the no action alternative, as required by Title 44 of the CFR and has determined it is impracticable as the facility serves as pedestrian access for the park and surrounding community. The no action alternative would adversely impact the community by limiting access to the recreational areas from the paved parking area on the opposite side of the stream. No alternative locations are practicable due to the facility being functionally dependent on its current location, park facilities serve as open space use, and relocation is impracticable.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA 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, "SC-4829-PW-01600 PN 826196 Pedestrian Bridge" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON _____ DAY OF _____ 2025

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