

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment
for Flint River Flood Mitigation Alternatives, Saginaw County Michigan**

FEMA DR-1346-MI

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to assist in the funding of flood mitigation measures along the Flint River in Saginaw County, Michigan. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The alternatives to be evaluated include (1) No Action; (2) Dike Reconstruction and Reservoir Construction, which would involve flood mitigation measures at seven individual locations along Flint River and would include the reconstruction of existing earthen dikes and construction of a floodway shelf, a storage reservoir, and two wetland areas; (3) Elevation, Relocation or Acquisition of Flood-Prone Structures, in which 200 residences and six commercial buildings would be elevated, relocated, or acquired by FEMA. Residential and commercial structures acquired by FEMA would be demolished and the acquired land would be maintained as open space.

The draft EA is available for review from April 26, 2006 to May 17, 2006, at the Hoyt Main Library, 505 James Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan and the Bridgeport Public Library, 3399 Williamson Road, Saginaw, Michigan, during normal business hours. The draft EA is also available for review at the FEMA website:

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region5.shtm>.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on May 17, 2006, by Jeanne Millin, Regional Environmental Officer, 536 Clark Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521, or at Jeanne.Millin@fema.gov.

If no comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA will be considered final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be published by FEMA.