

CITY OF COLUMBIA

CDBG Mitigation Public Hearing



April 6, 2020

Purpose for Today's Public Hearing

- ▶ The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$18,585,000 in **Community Development Block Grant funds for Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)**.
- ▶ The purpose of today's public hearing is to provide residents impacted by the 2015 floods, an opportunity to:
 1. Ask questions about the goals of the CDBG-MIT funding.
 2. Review the potential projects for the City.
 3. Provide comments regarding the projects identified to serve and protect the City from future disaster events.
- ▶ Opportunity to ask questions and provide comments will follow this presentation.
 - ▶ Comments will be accepted both orally and in writing during the online public hearing.
 - ▶ After the hearing, comments will also be accepted:
 - ▶ By mail: Community Development Department,
CDBG-MIT Action Plan
1401 Main Street, 4th Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
 - ▶ By email: CityMitigation@columbiasc.gov
 - ▶ On the CDBG-MIT website: <https://mit.columbiasc.gov/comment-form>



What are CDBG-MIT Funds?

- ▶ The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$18,585,000 in **Community Development Block Grant funds for Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)**.
- ▶ The Notice requires that all activities using the CDBG-MIT funds must meet HUD's definition of mitigation.
 - ▶ **Mitigation:** *Activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by **lessening the impact of future disasters.***
- ▶ The CDBG-MIT funds represent a unique and significant opportunity to carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate future disasters.

HUD Purpose for the CDBG-MIT Funds

- ▶ Support **data-informed investments** in high-impact projects that will reduce risks attributable to natural disasters.
 - ▶ Analysis to include the risk reduction to **Community Lifelines** such as:



- ▶ Support the **adoption of policies** that reflect local and regional priorities having long-lasting effects on community risk reduction.
- ▶ **Build capacity** of States and local governments to analyze disaster risks and to update hazard mitigation plans through data and meaningful community engagement.

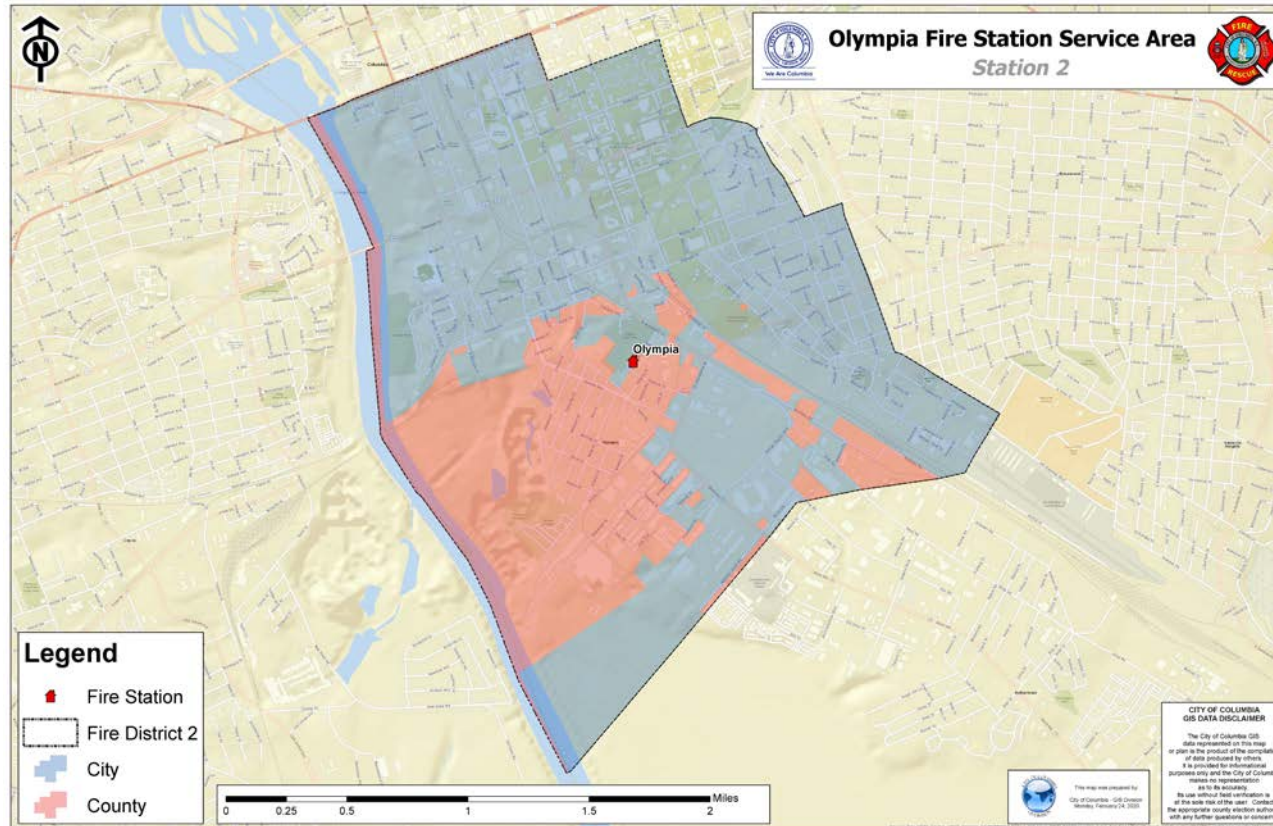
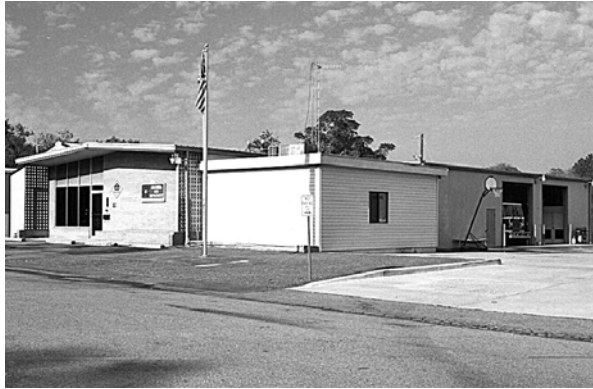
Proposed Budget

Category	Project Name	Allocation Level	LMI Benefit*
Infrastructure	Columbia Canal Head Gates and Lock Gate Repair	\$ 8,000,000.00	100%
Infrastructure	Olympia Fire Station Replacement	\$ 7,000,000.00	100%
Planning	Planning Activities	\$ 2,655,750.00	
Oversight & Monitoring	Administration	\$ 929,250.00	
Total		\$ 18,585,000.00	

*Project serves an area that is at least 50% low/mod income.



Potential Project: Olympia Fire Station

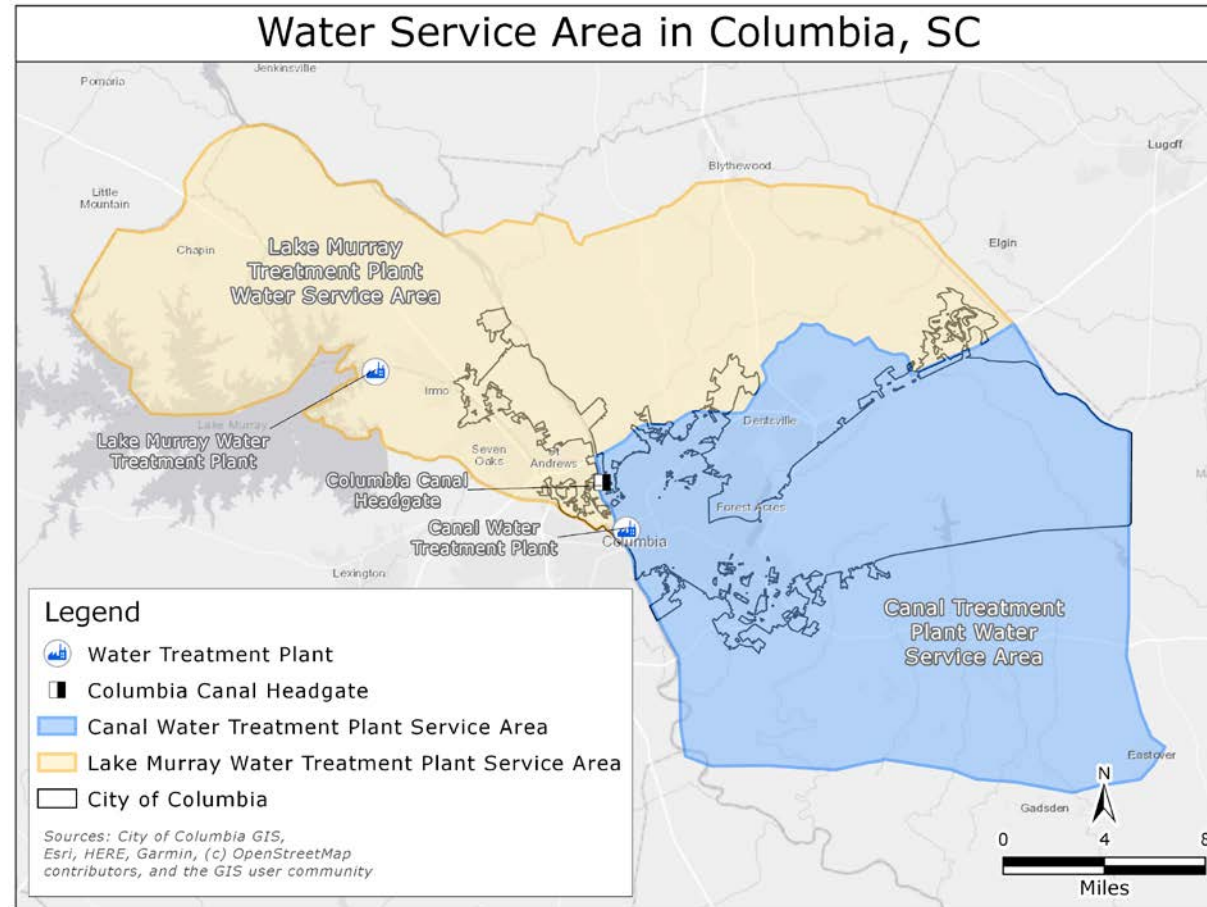


Potential Project:

Olympia Fire Station

- ▶ Project serves a predominantly low-and-moderate-income residential area.
- ▶ Project will provide a modern, resilient facility that will be able to resist extreme weather events and ensure that critical response services will not be delayed or interrupted.
- ▶ The proposed facility will have the ability to house additional emergency response units in times of natural disaster and is positioned to assist with mass evacuations.
- ▶ The current facility will not accommodate a ladder or aerial truck which is now necessary given the influx of new multi-story construction.
- ▶ The new facility will be equipped with a backup generator that is able to provide the station with power for extended periods.

Potential Project: Columbia Canal Head Gates



Potential Project:

Columbia Canal Head Gates

- ▶ Project is critical to ensuring a continuing and adequate supply of water used for fire protection for City residents.
- ▶ Project is critical to the City's ability to ensure a continuing supply of safe drinking water for City residents.
- ▶ Project is critical to ensuring both adequate supply of safe drinking water and water for fire protection to:
 - ▶ Five hospitals, including region's only Level 1 Trauma Center,
 - ▶ Six major universities and colleges,
 - ▶ Fort Jackson
 - ▶ McEntire Joint National Guard Base
 - ▶ State Capital and federal facilities
- ▶ Project is a key component in supplying 10 megawatts of green energy.



CDBG-MIT Action Plan Citizen Engagement and Timeline



Public Engagement Schedule

APR | MON

06

Public Hearing: MIT Action Plan

6:00 pm

Join Online: <https://zoom.us/j/846466498>

Join by phone: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 846 466 498

APR | TUES

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City Council Meeting

2:00 pm

Online or by phone at: TBD

APR | FRI

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**Draft Mitigation Action Plan:
Last Day for Public Comment**

Available on website for review
45-Day Public Comment Period

MAY | SAT

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**Draft Mitigation Action Plan:
Submitted to HUD for Approval**

HUD approval is expected in early July, with fund availability occurring shortly thereafter



CDBG-MIT Action Plan Public Comment Period



Providing Public Comments

- ▶ People who would like to provide public comments will each be given **three minutes** to speak.
- ▶ Those wishing to speak are also encouraged to send a **written copy** of their comments to CityMitigation@columbiasc.net
- ▶ Written public comments may also be submitted by:
 - ▶ **Email:** CityMitigation@columbiasc.net
 - ▶ **Postage Mail:** Community Development, 1401 Main Street, 4th floor, Columbia, SC 29201
 - ▶ Label your comment is for CDBG-MIT
 - ▶ **Comment Form on City's Mitigation website:** <https://mit.columbiasc.gov/comment-form/>
- ▶ The deadline for submission of all comments is **April 30, 2020, 11:59 p.m.**



Thank You!

