



January 6, 2026 9:00 am

1. Call to Order by Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
2. Invocation given by Pastor Craig Tremble and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Paulette Chavers
3. Oath of Office administered by Bulloch County Probate Judge Lorna Deloach to:
 - A. Mayor Jonathan McCollar
 - B. District 1 Tangie Johnson
 - C. District 4 John Riggs
4. Consideration of a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tempore for the next two years, per Statesboro Municipal Code, Section 2-4 of the City Charter.
5. Public Comments (Agenda Item):
6. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of Minutes
 - a) 12-16-2025 Work Session Minutes
 - b) 12-16-2025 Council Minutes
 - c) 12-16-2025 Executive Session Minutes
7. Consideration of a motion to approve **Resolution 2026-01**: A Resolution approving application to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$945,000.00 for hydrologic and hydraulic study of the Little Lotts Creek basin. If awarded, the 10% required grant match (\$94,500) will be provided by Stormwater Fund Operating Revenues.
8. Public Comments (General)
9. Other Business from City Council
10. City Managers Comments
11. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” “Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b)
12. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn



City of Statesboro
Oath of Office - City Council
January 6, 2026

"I, Jonathan McCollar, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge all duties devolving on me as Mayor of the City of Statesboro, during my continuance in office, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

*Lorna Deloach,
Bulloch County Probate Judge*



City of Statesboro
Oath of Office - City Council
January 6, 2026

"I, Tangie Johnson, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge all duties devolving on me as Councilwoman of the City of Statesboro, during my continuance in office, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

Tangie Johnson, Councilmember

Lorna Deloach,
Bulloch County Probate Judge



City of Statesboro
Oath of Office - City Council
January 6, 2026

"I, John Riggs, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge all duties devolving on me as Councilman of the City of Statesboro, during my continuance in office, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

John Riggs, Councilmember

*Lorna Deloach,
Bulloch County Probate Judge*



CITY OF STATESBORO
WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2025

Mayor & Council Work Session

50 East Main Street

5:00 PM

A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on December 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 50 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Tangie Johnson, John Riggs and Shari Barr. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles and Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips. Absent was Councilmember Ginny Hendley and Paulette Chavers.

1. Quarterly Financial Report

Finance Director Cindy West presented the first quarter (July-September) financial report for fiscal year 2026. She noted that General Fund revenues were slightly up compared to the same period last year, with 10% of budgeted revenue collected so far. The bulk of revenue typically comes in during tax season in the second quarter. Expenditures were also slightly higher than last year, primarily due to personnel costs and electricity, with 26% of the budget spent.

For the Statesboro Fire Department, revenues were \$1 million higher than the same period last year, with 26% of budgeted revenue collected. This increase was partly due to higher transfers from the General Fund. Expenditures remained relatively even at 23% of the budget.

Ms. West reported that Water/Sewer revenues were slightly up from last year with 23% of budgeted revenue collected. Expenditures were down due to vacancies and delayed purchases, with 22% of the budget spent so far.

Additional funds reviewed included: Stormwater, with revenues at 6% and expenditures at 29%; Natural Gas, with revenues at 15% and expenditures at 18%; Solid Waste Collection, with revenues at 24% and expenditures at 25%; Solid Waste Disposal, with revenues at 18% and expenditures at 22%; SPLOST/T-SPLOST, which both exceeded prior year collections; and Hotel/Motel Revenue, which remained essentially flat with a \$5,000 year-over-year increase.

2. HR Update on Benefits

Human Resource Director Demetrius Bynes provided an update on employee benefits. He began by thanking the Council for their continued support of employees through both compensation and benefits.

Mr. Bynes began by reviewing the various benefits offered to city employees, highlighting those paid 100% by the city, including dental insurance, life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, long-term disability, and the employee health center.

He presented metrics on the city's self-funded health insurance plan, showing increases in subscribers, covered members, and gross plan costs. The gross plan cost increased from \$3.7 million in calendar year 2023 to approximately \$4.4 million through October 2025. He explained that high-cost claimants (those who reached their out-of-pocket maximum) increased from six in 2024 to 11 in 2025, and stop loss reimbursements were also increasing.

Mr. Bynes outlined plans to transition the benefits plan year to align with the city's fiscal year. A short plan year will run from January 1 to June 30, 2026, followed by a full plan year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. He explained this change will help with budgeting by providing actual figures rather than estimates when planning the fiscal year budget.

During the upcoming transition, the city will evaluate claims data monthly with Anthem, monitor employees reaching deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums, receive budget recommendations from Anthem in spring, and host open enrollment in May or June for the July 1 start date.

City Manager Charles Penny explained that the city utilizes a specific stop-loss threshold of \$75,000 per individual; once a claim for an employee or family member exceeds this amount, the stop-loss coverage pays the balance and reimburses the city. In addition to individual protections, the plan includes an aggregate stop-loss set at 125% of expected claims, which triggers insurance coverage if the total claims for the year exceed that percentage. This dual protection is designed to prevent the city from facing uncapped financial liability, as evidenced by a recent \$1.5 million claim that was covered by insurance rather than the city's general funds.

Currently, the benefits plan operates on a calendar year from January 1 to December 31, but renewal recommendations from Anthem are typically received in the fall after the city has already approved its budget. This timing forces the city to rely on estimates and assumptions for health plan costs during the budgeting process. Staff advised that moving the benefits year to match the fiscal year would ensure the receipt of actual data in a timely fashion, allowing for more accurate cost projections and better-informed decision-making.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2025

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr introduced Rose Schaefer, advisor for the Jewish Student Organization at Georgia Southern, who led the invocation with a Hanukkah blessing. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Tangie Johnson	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Absent	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Absent	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 12-02-2025 Council Minutes

b) 12-02-2025 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr

SECONDER:

Councilmember John Riggs

AYES:

Johnson, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT:

Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

5. Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SUB 25-11-01: Cody Rogers requests a Preliminary Subdivision for approximately 3.89-acres. The property is zoned R-3 (Medium Density Multi-Family Residential) and is located on Cindy Lane and Beasley Road (Tax Parcels # MS92000013 000, MS92000016 000, MS92000017 000, and MS92000019 000).

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MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

6. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-19: An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 Purchasing System Policy of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2025-19: An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 Purchasing System Policy of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

7. Consideration of a motion to approve amendments to the Uniform Purchasing Manual, making it in alignment with the updates to the Purchasing Policy Ordinance.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-33: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro FY 2026 Street Resurfacing Program and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Application for FY 2026.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-34: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibition expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2025-34**: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibition expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

10. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to repair the roof on the Joe Brannen Hall Building and the Waste Water Pump House in the amount of \$99,567.42 to Summers Roofing. If approved, \$29,942.92 will be funded out of Water and Sewer Operating Revenues with the remaining amount of \$69,624.50 to be funded from Central Services Operating Revenues.

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

11. Consideration of a motion to approve a second amendment to the current Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Agreement for an extension of the spend down expiration date.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

12. Consideration of a motion to approve change order #2 with HD Construction on the ENG-122c East Main Drainage and Sidewalk Project, in the amount of \$60,440, to be funded by TSPLOST and GDOT LMIG.

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

13. Consideration of a motion to approve an agreement for installation of natural gas infrastructure with Cartee Investments, LLC to serve a new subdivision located on Pulaski School Road in Candler county (Tax Parcel 063 028) called "The Preserve at Pulaski".

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

14. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 SuperCrew XL in the amount of \$41,868.72 from JC Lewis Ford for the Wastewater Division of the Public Utilities Department to be purchased with funds approved in the FY2026 CIP Budget, item # WTP-4, funded by system revenues.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 SuperCrew XL in the amount of \$41,868.72 from JC Lewis Ford for the Wastewater Division of the Public Utilities Department to be purchased with funds approved in the FY2026 CIP Budget, item # WTP-4, funded by system revenues.

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

15. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc for the purchase of two (2) Godwin 6 inch diesel backup pumps (Model # NC100S) per the Florida Sheriff's Association cooperative purchasing contract in the amount of \$113,683.60. These items to be purchased with funds approved in the FY2026 CIP Budget, item #WWD-37, funded by the 2025 SPLOST.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

16. Public Comments (General): None

17. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Barr expressed appreciation to the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority and sponsors for the holiday celebration downtown that was held the previous Friday. She noted the weather was perfect, attendance was good, and many activities took place along East Main Street.

She also thanked the council and staff for supporting their Jewish neighbors through the Hanukkah invocation, especially given current world events. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to demonstrate solidarity, tolerance, and celebration of Statesboro's diversity.

18. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny reported on several items:

- He mentioned that Representative Lehman Franklin was moving forward with creating a public facilities authority following council's approval of a resolution at the last meeting. A notice of intention to introduce local legislation would be published in the newspaper.
- He announced that two electric vehicles (2025 Ionic 5) from Hyundai had arrived for the city's fleet. One was assigned to KSBB in public works and the other to the city's motor pool. The cars, valued at approximately \$55,000 each, were leased to the city for \$1 each. A charging station would need to be installed.
- He discussed the upcoming toy drive activities, noting that families who had been "adopted" would pick up their packages and food boxes for Christmas meals on Friday. Additionally, there would be a toy giveaway at City Hall on Sunday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. He thanked numerous contributors including Walmart, Toys for Tots, citizens who provided funding for bikes, and contractors who had donated. Gift cards would also be provided to families for purchasing clothes and other necessities.

19. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” “Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).

At 5:55 p.m., a motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

At 6:00 p.m., a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

A motion was made to appoint AJ Jetwani, Venus Mack, Brandon Blair, Martisha Hill, and Patrice Ellison to the Business Commission.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

20. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Paulette Chavers and Ginny Hendley

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk

CITY OF STATESBORO

COUNCIL

Tangie Johnson, District 1
Paulette Chavers, District 2
Ginny Hendley, District 3
John Riggs, District 4
Shari R Barr, District 5



Jonathan McCollar, Mayor
Charles Penny, City Manager
Leah Harden, City Clerk
Cain Smith, City Attorney

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STATESBORO, GEORGIA 30459-0348

To: Charles Penny, City Manager
Jason Boyles, Assistant City Manager

From: Brad Deal, P.E., Director of Public Works and Engineering

Date: 12/30/2025

RE: Recommendation for Approval of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-Planning Application - HMGP 4830

Policy Issue: Purchasing

Recommendation:

Staff recommends to execute planning application from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to apply for federal funding. This funding is for the purpose of conducting Hydrologic and Hydraulic study of the Little Lott's Creek basin (see map for project limits) as preliminary planning for flood mitigation projects along the basin. The federal funding will be awarded to the City of Statesboro in the form of a grant under FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance program. This application will request assistance to cover the estimated cost of the planning phase in the amount of \$945,000.00.

Background:

The City of Statesboro and surrounding unincorporated Bulloch County have experienced multiple flooding events in the past few years. Impacts from Hurricane Idalia, Tropical Storm Debby, Hurricane Helene, and other severe thunderstorms have made our area eligible for hazard mitigation assistance from FEMA. If awarded, this grant will assist in the planning phase to gather data in identifying current conditions and to create conceptual capital projects that mitigate flooding from large storm events.

Budget Impact:

The HMGP4830 grant requires a matching contribution of 10% or \$94,500.00. The matching amount will be budgeted as STM-49 in fiscal year 2027. This CIP will be used to cover this match and any other cost associated with this project.

Council Person and District:

Councilmember Ginny Hendley, District 3; Councilmember John Riggs, District 4; and, Councilmember Shari Barr, District 5

Attachments: HMGP 4830 Planning Application

CC: Cindy West, Director of Finance; Darren Prather, Director of Central Services

**RESOLUTION 2026-01:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR
HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC STUDY OF LITTLE LOTTS CREEK BASIN**

THAT WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to maintain a well regulated watershed that provides for effective and efficient management of stormwater and provides protection of life, property, and Statesboro's environment and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have found that effective stormwater management of Little Lotts Creek will improve water quality and maintain a healthy environment for its citizens and the community beyond the Statesboro city limits; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have found that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is desirable in order to provide financial support for further study and enhancement of Little Lotts Creek and Bird's Pond; and,

WHEREAS, city staff will prepare application to said program in order to obtain a maximum grant award of up to \$945,000; and,

WHEREAS, a 10% local match (\$94,500) required which will be provided by Stormwater Fund revenues.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro, Georgia as follows:

- Section 1. The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the submittal of application to FEMA for aforementioned grant program.
- Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents related to said grant.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2026.

STATESBORO, GEORGIA

By: Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Attest: Leah Harden, City Clerk

CITY OF STATESBORO



COUNCIL

Tangie Johnson, District 1
Paulette Chavers, District 2
Ginny Hendley, District 3
John Riggs, District 4
Shari Barr, District 5

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor
Charles Penny, City Manager
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I. Cain Smith, City Attorney

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December 30, 2025

Mr. Stephen A. Clark, Manager
Hazard Mitigation Department
Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency
Post Office Box 18055
Atlanta, Georgia 30316

RE: Bulloch County Five Year Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant Application for FEMA Grant Funding

Dear Mr. Clark:

I have been informed of the staff's preparation of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Application Worksheet. If accepted, we understand that the City of Statesboro may be eligible for federal grant funding to assist with the update of our Hazard Mitigation Plan.

I am writing to assure you that City of Statesboro has the funding to meet the required Local match for this project. We appreciate your assistance and the assistance of your staff in consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Jonathan McCollar
Mayor, City of Statesboro

CC: Corey Kemp, Bulloch County EMA Director

THIS SECTION FOR STATE USE ONLY

FEMA- GA -DR / BRIC- _____

☐ Application Complete

☐ In Declared Area

☐ Statewide

☐ Planning

☐ HMGP (CFDA 97.039)

☐ BRIC (CFDA 97.047)

☐ Eligible Applicant

☐ State or Local Government

☐ Private Non-Profit (Tax ID Received)

Community NFIP Status:

☐ Participating Community ID #: _____

State Application ID _____

☐ In Good Standing ☐ Non-Participating ☐ CRS

Date Application Received _____

State Reviewer _____

Signed _____ Date _____

FEMA Application Hardcopy Submittal Date: _____

FEMA Application Completed NEMIS Entry Date: _____

**** Please submit one signed copy of the application ****

This application is for all Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs for a plan update proposal administered by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS). Please complete all sections and provide all information as requested. **Incomplete applications will not be forwarded to FEMA for their review.** If you require assistance with this application, contact Alan Sloan, Hazard Mitigation Deputy Manager at (404) 693-5507.

Applicant Information

1. **Project Title:** Statesboro Stormwater Master Plan

2. **Applicant (Organization):** City of Statesboro

3. **Applicant Type:**

☒ State or Local Government

☐ Recognized Indian Tribe

☐ Private Non-Profit

State Legislative District(s) Sen: 4, HR: 158, 159, 160 Congressional District(s) 12th

Federal Tax I.D. Number 58-6000668 UEI Number DCUQATM6PM15

FIPS Code: 13-73256

4. **National Flood Insurance Program CID #:** 130021

5. **NFIP Community Rating System Class Number:** N/A

6. **Point of Contact:** (Individual responsible for the grant)

☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. First Name Brad Last Name Deal

Title Director of Public Works and Engineering Telephone (912)764-0655 Fax N/A

Street Address 50 East Main Street

City Statesboro State GA Zip Code 30158

E-mail address brad.deal@statesboroga.gov

7. **Application prepared by** (if different from Point of Contact):

Name Marcos Trejo Telephone (912)764-0681 E-mail address marcos.trejo@statesboroga.gov

8. **Authorized Applicant Agent:** (An individual authorized to sign financial and legal documents on behalf of the agency or local government (e.g., the Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners or the County Manager, etc.)

☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. First Name Jonathan Last Name McCollar

Title Mayor / City Manager Telephone _____ Fax N/A

Street Address 50 East Main Street

City Statesboro State GA Zip Code 30458

E-mail address jonathan.mccollar@statesboroga.gov

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY

HMA Planning Application

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY

HMA Planning Application

I. Project Description – Narrative Statement

A. Mitigation Activity

1. Please describe the strategy for completing this planning activity.

City of Statesboro will form a planning committee comprised of representatives of various City departments, as well as other interested parties, such as outside state and regional agencies, local businesses, residents, public etc. The committee will be led by the EMA Director and will meet on a regular basis in order to accomplish the items set forth in the Scope of Work below, including addressing any recommended revisions from the previous plan's review tool. The EMA Director will coordinate the planning process including the meetings, write the plan based on committee findings and work through the State and Federal review and approval process. The EMA Director will coordinate the process of meeting the objectives outlined in the Scope of Work below with the assistance and input of the appropriate committee members and local staff resources as necessary. Outside interested parties will be invited to participate by direct invitation and by public postings and meeting notices. A minimum of two public hearings will be held in order to provide the public an opportunity to comment during the drafting phase and prior to final adoption.

2. Please describe how the applicant will manage the costs and schedule and how successful performance will be ensured.

A budget will be set according to the budget figures in this application to allow for labor on the part of committee members and other staff members and the purchase of necessary materials. Expenses will be incurred according to the budget items and will not exceed the total grant award. This will be tracked by the city as well as the State's grants management system which tracks expenses to date and remaining grant figures. Also, the city will track each budget allocation as expenses are incurred under those allocations to ensure that expenses remain within the allowed budget.

3. Please describe the staff and resources needed to implement this mitigation activity and the applicant's ability to provide these resources.

This planning process involves a variety of staff and expertise, which will be used as necessary. Specifically, expertise will be needed from the Engineering Department, Professional Consultant, Building Inspections, EMA, etc. City of Statesboro is able to provide the staff resources to meet these needs.

4. Please explain how this mitigation activity will leverage involvement of partners to enhance its outcome.

The planning process will involve the opportunity for outside agencies and public to be a part. This will be done by a combination of direct invitation, public notice and individual meetings with the various agencies as necessary.

5. Please describe the outreach activities that are planned relative to this mitigation activity (signs, press releases, success stories, etc) and/or how this mitigation activity will serve as a model for other communities.

At the outset of the process, the EMA Director will invite various outside State agencies, local businesses, The City of Statesboro and others to be a part of the process. In addition, the public will be notified and invited to attend through public notices and a minimum of two public meetings with opportunity for public comment.

6. Please describe how this planning activity will benefit the applicant's constituents.

This activity will benefit the local citizens of Bulloch County by providing a Flood Mitigation Plan for Little Lots Creek in Bulloch County and the City of Statesboro, thereby ensuring the County and City's eligibility to participate in future mitigation grants.

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY

HMA Planning Application

7. Do you plan to do the work In-House with existing staff or with the assistance of an outside contractor or both?

[] In-House [X] Contractor

(If outside contractor selected, please describe the duties they will perform to meet the Scope of Work below)

The City of Statesboro plans to hire a consultant to perform the scope of work. This scope will consist of the following

Project Management -Consultant will provide project administration of meetings, agenda preparation, budget preparation and invoicing

- *Data Collection-*
- *Wetland Assessment*
- *GPS Field Survey*
- *Public Outreach and Stakeholder Input*
- *Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling*
- *Model Calibration*
- *Budget Report*
- *Watershed Stormwater Plan document*

B. Scope of Work

1. Executive Summary and Background

This proposal outlines a comprehensive watershed and flood study of **Little Lotts Creek**, a critical waterway whose headwaters start in the **City of Statesboro** and extend through **Bulloch County** and to the Canoochee River, with a history of dam breaches and flood impacts. Despite commendable progress by the County in improving storm resilience, a watershed-wide strategy is urgently needed. This study will address major flood risks, identify impacts of land use changes, and propose targeted mitigation strategies.

The estimated cost of the study is **\$1 million**, covering data collection, hydrologic/hydraulic modeling, and the design of mitigation solutions. The study will focus on areas within the City and approximately 1 mile downstream and outside the City Limits. The plan will identify possible locations and solutions to mitigate flooding.

2. Goals and Objectives

- **Evaluate** current watershed hydrology and hydraulic conditions
- **Identify** key flood-prone areas and causes of recurring events
- **Analyze** the impact of previous dam failures and soft-side breaches
- **Model** land use changes and future development scenarios
- **Design** targeted, cost-effective flood mitigation solutions
- **Support** regional planning and infrastructure protection

3. Project Scope

Phase 1: Data Collection

- Historical rainfall and streamflow records
- Land use/land cover, topography (LiDAR), soil data
- FEMA floodplain maps and dam failure records

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Phase 2: Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling

- Watershed delineation using GIS
- HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS modeling of current and future conditions
- Dam breach simulations to assess impacts

Phase 3: Risk and Impact Assessment

- Flood inundation mapping (10, 25, 50, 100-year events)
- Identification of at-risk neighborhoods and infrastructure
- Assessment of downstream impacts from prior dam breaches

Phase 4: Mitigation Strategy Development

- Engineering solutions: detention/retention, spillway upgrades
- Natural solutions: streambank restoration, green infrastructure
- Prioritization matrix based on risk, cost, and feasibility

Phase 5: Final Reporting and Presentation

- Comprehensive report with maps, findings, and recommended solutions

Presentation to County leadership and community stakeholders

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B. Evaluation Information

1. Current Bulloch County Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval Date: October 13, 2021
2. Current Bulloch County Hazard Mitigation Plan Expiration Date: October 12, 2026
3. Does Bulloch County participate in the Community Rating System (CRS)? Yes ☐ No **X** If yes, what is your CRS rating? 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐
4. Is Bulloch County a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP)? Yes ☐ No **X**
5. Has Bulloch County adopted building codes consistent with the International Codes? Yes **X** No ☐
6. Have Bulloch County's building codes been assessed on the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS)? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, BCEGS rating? 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐
7. Is Bulloch County a Firewise Community? Yes ☐ No **X** If yes, Firewise Community number? _____
8. Has Bulloch County adopted the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 5000 code? Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Has this subapplication been previously submitted under any other FEMA program? Yes ☐ No **X** If yes, identify the Project name and number. _____
10. Has this subapplication been previously funded under any other FEMA program? Yes ☐ No **X**
11. Does any other Federal entity have primary funding authority for this project? Yes ☐ No **X**
12. Has work begun on this plan update? Yes ☐ No **X**
13. Is Bulloch County delinquent on any Federal debt? Yes ☐ No **X** If yes, please describe in the space below.

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C. Project Milestones

List the major milestones in this project:

Milestone	Number of Days to Complete
<i>Issuance of Recipient/Subrecipient Agreement</i>	<i>60 days</i>
<i>Hire Engineering Consultant</i>	<i>60 days</i>
<i>Data Collection</i>	<i>30 days</i>
<i>Modeling and Mapping</i>	<i>30 days</i>
<i>Risk Analysis</i>	<i>30 days</i>
<i>Mitigation Design</i>	<i>30 days</i>
<i>Reporting and Outreach</i>	<i>30 days</i>
<i>Financial Reconciliation and Closeout</i>	<i>60 days</i>
Total	230 days

D. Location

Please provide a county map and give a brief description of the community that will be covered by this project along with a description. (Example: Date founded, population, major industries, special events, etc.)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Statesboro, Georgia

City



From top to bottom left to right: The Bulloch County Courthouse and Averitt Center for the Arts, Splash in the Boro Water Park, Campus Georgia Southern University, the Emma Kelly Theater



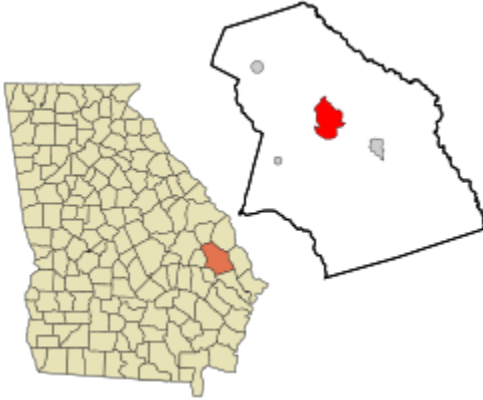
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Seal




Location in Bulloch County, Georgia



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Location within Georgia

Show map of GeorgiaShow map of the United StatesShow all

Coordinates:  32°26'43"N 81°46'45"W

Country

United States

State

Georgia

County

Bulloch

Government

• **Mayor**

Jonathan McCollar

Area

sq mi

• **City**

15.31 sq mi (39.64 km²)

• **Land**

15.00 sq mi (38.84 km²)

• **Water**

0.31 sq mi (0.81 km²)

Elevation

253 ft (77 m)

**Population
(2020)**

• **City**

33,438

• **Density**

2,229.9/sq mi (860.97/km²)

• **Metro**

71,214 (US: 95th)

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<u>Time zone</u>	<u>UTC-5 (EST)</u>
• <u>Summer (DST)</u>	<u>UTC-4 (EDT)</u>
<u>ZIP codes</u>	30458-30461
<u>Area code</u>	912
<u>FIPS code</u>	13-73256 ^[2]
<u>GNIS feature ID</u>	0323541 ^[3]
<u>Website</u>	<u>www.statesboroga.gov</u>

Statesboro is the most populous city in and the county seat of Bulloch County, Georgia, United States.^[4] Located in the southeastern part of the state, its population was 33,438 at the 2020 census. It is the principal city of the Statesboro micropolitan area, which had 81,099 residents, and is part of the Savannah–Hinesville–Statesboro combined statistical area.

The city was chartered in 1803, starting as a small trading community providing basic essentials for surrounding cotton plantations. This drove the economy throughout the 19th century, both before and after the American Civil War. In 1906, Statesboro was selected as the home of the First District A&M School, a land grant college that eventually developed into Georgia Southern University.

Statesboro inspired the blues song "Statesboro Blues", written by Blind Willie McTell in the 1920s, and covered in a well-known version by the Allman Brothers Band.^[5] In 2017, Statesboro was selected in the top three of the national America's Best Communities competition and was named one of nine Georgia "live, work, play" cities by the Georgia Municipal Association.^{[6][7]}

History



Bulloch County Courthouse

In 1801, George Sibbald of Augusta donated a 9,301-acre (37.64 km²) tract for a centrally located county seat for the growing agricultural community of Bulloch County. The area was developed by white planters largely for cotton plantations that were worked by black slave labor. In December 1803, the Georgia legislature created the town of Statesborough. The community most likely was named after the notion of states' rights, an issue central in the 1800 United States presidential election.^[8] In 1866 the state legislature granted a permanent charter to the city, changing the spelling of its name to the present "Statesboro."

During the Civil War and General William T. Sherman's famous March to the Sea through Georgia, a Union officer asked a saloon proprietor for directions to Statesboro. The proprietor replied, "You are standing in the middle of town,"^[9] indicating its small size. The soldiers destroyed the courthouse, a log structure that doubled as a barn when court was not in session. After the Civil War, the small town began to grow, and Statesboro has developed as a major town in southeastern Georgia. Many freedmen stayed in the area, working on plantations as sharecroppers and tenant farmers.

Following the Reconstruction era, racial violence of whites against blacks increased. In the era from 1880 to 1930, Georgia had the highest rate of lynchings of any state in the nation.^[10] Among them were three black men who were lynched and burned to death on August 16, 1904, near Statesboro. A fourth man was lynched later in the month in Bulloch County. After a white farm family was killed, the white community spread unfounded rumors of black clergy urging blacks to violence against whites, and more than twelve black men were arrested in this case.^[11]

Paul Reed and Will Cato were convicted of the Hodge family murders by an all-white jury and sentenced to death on August 16, 1904, but they were abducted that day from the courthouse by a lynch mob and brutally burned to death. Handy Bell, another suspect, was lynched and burned by a mob that night.^[12] White violence against blacks did not end; both men and women were physically attacked on the streets. Two more black men were lynched in August 1904: Sebastian McBride in Portal, another town in Bulloch County, and A.L. Scott in Wilcox County.^{[13][14][11]}

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Statesboro City Hall, located downtown in the renovated Jaeckel Hotel building. The hotel served as the center of local social life in the early part of the 20th century.

To escape oppression and violence, many African Americans left Statesboro and Bulloch County altogether, causing local businessmen to worry about labor shortages in the cotton and turpentine industries.^[13] African Americans made a Great Migration from the rural South to northern cities in the first half of the 20th century.^[11] Local effects can be seen in the drop in Statesboro population growth from 1910 to 1930 on the census tables below in the "Demographics" section.

Around the turn of the century, new businesses in Statesboro included stores and banks built along North, East, South, and West Main streets. In 1908, Statesboro led the world in sales of long-staple Sea Island Cotton, a specialty of the Low Country. Mechanization of agriculture decreased the need for some farm labor. After the boll weevil destroyed the cotton crop in the 1930s, farmers shifted to tobacco. The insect had invaded the South from the west, disrupting cotton cultivation throughout the region. By 1953, however, more than 20 million pounds of tobacco passed through warehouses in Statesboro, then the largest market of the "Bright Tobacco Belt" spanning Georgia and Florida.

The 1906 First District Agricultural & Mechanical School at Statesboro was developed as a land grant college, initiated by federal legislation to support education. Its mission shifted in the 1920s to teacher training; and in 1924 it was renamed as the Georgia Normal School. With expansion of the curriculum to a 4-year program, it was renamed as the South Georgia Teachers College in 1929. Other name changes were to Georgia Teachers College in 1939, and Georgia Southern College in 1959. After this period, it became racially integrated and with development of graduate programs and research in numerous fields, since 1990 it has had university status as Georgia Southern University.

In March of 2025, Statesboro Chief of Police Charles "Mike" Broadhead announced a full staff of 79 sworn officers.^[15]

Geography

Statesboro is located at 32°26'43"N 81°46'45"W (32.445147, -81.779234).^[16] The city is located in southeastern Georgia along U.S. Routes 80, 25, and 301. US 80 runs northwest to southeast through the city, leading southeast 58 mi (93 km) to Savannah and west-northwest 37 mi (60 km) to Swainsboro. US 25 and 301 run concurrently through the center of town and split upon their junction with US 80, leading south 12 mi (19 km) to Interstate 16 at exit 116. US 25 leads north 29 mi (47 km) to Millen and US 301 north 24 mi (39 km) to Sylvania.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 13.9 square miles (35.9 km²), of which 13.5 square miles (35.0 km²) is land and 0.35 square miles (0.9 km²), or 2.60%, is water.^[17] The city is in the coastal plain region, or Low Country, of Georgia, so it is mainly flat with a few small hills. With an elevation of 250 feet (76 m), the downtown area is one of the highest places in Bulloch County. Pine, oak, magnolia, dogwood, palm, sweetgum, and a variety of other trees can be found in the area.

- **Climate**

Statesboro has a humid subtropical climate, according to the Köppen classification. The city experiences very hot and humid summers with average July highs of about 91 °F (33 °C) and lows around 70 °F (21 °C). Afternoon thunderstorms associated with the summer heat and humidity can spawn from time to time. Winters are mild, with average January highs of 58 °F (14 °C) and lows of 36 °F (2 °C).^[18] Winter storms are rare, but they happen periodically, the most recent in January 2025 that left 3-4 inches (7.6-10.2 cm) of snow on the ground.^[19] Snowfall also occurred on February 12, 2010 and January 5, 2018, with approximately 2 inches (5.1 cm) and 3 inches (8.9 cm) of snow falling on the city, respectively.^[20]

Demographics

Historical population

Census	Pop.	Note	%±
<u>1870</u>	33		—
<u>1880</u>	29		-12.1%
<u>1890</u>	425		1,365.5%
<u>1900</u>	1,197		181.6%
<u>1910</u>	2,529		111.3%
<u>1920</u>	3,807		50.5%
<u>1930</u>	3,996		5.0%

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<u>1940</u>	5,028	25.8%
<u>1950</u>	6,097	21.3%
<u>1960</u>	8,356	37.1%
<u>1970</u>	14,616	74.9%
<u>1980</u>	14,866	1.7%
<u>1990</u>	15,854	6.6%
<u>2000</u>	22,698	43.2%
<u>2010</u>	28,422	25.2%
<u>2020</u>	33,438	17.6%

U.S. Decennial Census^[21]

Statesboro racial composition as of 2020^[22]

Race	Num.	Perc.
<u>White</u> (non-Hispanic)	16,323	48.82%
<u>Black or African American</u> (non-Hispanic)	13,282	39.72%
<u>Native American</u>	66	0.2%
<u>Asian</u>	634	1.9%
<u>Pacific Islander</u>	34	0.1%
<u>Other/Mixed</u>	1,169	3.5%
<u>Hispanic or Latino</u>	1,930	5.77%

As of the 2020 United States census, there were 33,438 people, 10,214 households, and 4,569 families residing in the city.

Economy



Emma Kelly Theater

The economy of Statesboro is based on education, manufacturing, and agribusiness sectors. Statesboro serves as a regional economic hub and has more than one billion dollars in annual retail sales.^[23] Georgia Southern University is the largest employer in the city, with 6,700 regional jobs tied directly and indirectly to the campus.^[citation needed]

Agriculture is responsible for \$100 million in annual farm gate revenues.^[24]

Statesboro is home to multiple manufacturing facilities. Statesboro Briggs & Stratton Plant is the third-largest employer in the region with 950 employees.^[25]

The Development Authority of Bulloch County retains over 100 acres (40 ha) of GRAD (Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development) land at the Gateway Industrial Park. Southern Gateway Park is a newly developed 200-acre (81 ha) tract located at the intersection of U.S. 301 and Interstate 16 in close proximity to the Court of Savannah. Southern Gateway is served by municipal water, sewer and natural gas lines.^[26]

GAF, the largest privately owned roofing manufacturer in North America, relocated to Statesboro in the early 21st century.^[24]

Arts and culture

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Averitt Center for the Arts

The culture of Statesboro reflects a blend of both its southern heritage and college town identity.^[27]

The city has developed a unique culture, common in many college towns, that coexists with the university students in creating an art scene, music scene and intellectual environment. Statesboro is home to numerous restaurants, bars, live music venues, bookstores and coffee shops that cater to its creative college town climate.^[28]



The Statesboro Regional Library, part of the Georgia PINES library

network

Statesboro's downtown was named one of eight "Renaissance Cities" by *Georgia Trend* magazine.^[29] The downtown area is currently undergoing a revitalization. The Old Bank of Statesboro and Georgia Theater have been adapted with renovation for the David H. Averitt Center for the Arts.^[30] It houses the Emma Kelly Theater, named after the local singer, known as the "Lady of 6,000 Songs".^[31] The center also contains art studios, conference rooms and an exhibition area. Downtown Statesboro has been featured in several motion pictures including *Now and Then* (1995) as well as *1969*.^[31] Georgia Southern offers a variety of cultural options available both for the university and the wider community: the Georgia Southern Symphony, the Georgia Southern Planetarium, Georgia Southern Museum, and the Botanical Gardens at Bland Cottage.^[32] Touring groups appear at the Performing Arts Center, and also featured are shows put on by Georgia Southern students and faculty.

Mill Creek Regional Park is a large outdoor recreational facility with athletic fields and a water park, Splash in the Boro.^[33]

Sports



Paulson Stadium

- **Georgia Southern Eagles**

The Georgia Southern University Eagles field 17 varsity teams in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and are members of the NCAA Division I Sun Belt Conference.^[34]

Prior to joining the Sun Belt Conference in 2014, the Eagles were members of the Trans America Athletic Conference (presently known as the ASUN Conference) and the Southern Conference. During their time at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS/I-AA) level, the Eagles football team won an unprecedented six national championships.

- **Tormenta FC**

South Georgia Tormenta FC fields a professional team in USL League One, the third tier of the American Soccer Pyramid. The club's inaugural season was the 2016 season. Games are played at Optim Sports Medicine Field at Tormenta Stadium. The club won the USL League One championship in the 2022 season.^[35]

Education

- **Higher education**

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Sweetheart Circle on Georgia Southern University's campus

Georgia Southern University is the city's principal institution of higher learning. The university, a unit of the University System of Georgia (USG), was founded as the First District Agricultural and Mechanical School in 1906 as a land grant college, open only to white students. On July 1, 1990, it became the fifth university of the University System, and as of 2015 is a comprehensive residential university of nearly 20,000 students. The university's graduate programs are offered on campus, at satellite centers, and by distance and on-line delivery. For the past decade, the university has combined a capital building program with beautification of the nearly 700-acre (2.8 km²) campus. The university facilities include a museum of cultural and natural history, a botanical garden, and a center for wildlife education located within the campus grounds. The university's Division I athletic teams, the Georgia Southern Eagles, compete in the Sun Belt Conference.

Two community colleges are also located in Statesboro. East Georgia State College (EGSC), a USG institution based in nearby Swainsboro, operates a satellite center within the campus of Georgia Southern. Ogeechee Technical College (OTC) is a part of the Technical College System of Georgia, providing technical and adult education to area students; OTC is located on U.S. Highway 301 South, outside of the city limits and approximately 4 miles (6 km) southwest of Georgia Southern's campus.

- **Bulloch County School District**

The Bulloch County Board of Education runs the public school district in Statesboro. Schools in the city limits include Julia P. Bryant Elementary School, Mattie Lively Elementary School, Mill Creek Elementary School, Sallie Zetterower Elementary School, and Statesboro High School.^[36]

Other public schools in the county include Southeast Bulloch High School, William James Middle School, Langston Chapel Middle School, Southeast Bulloch Middle School, and Langston Chapel Elementary School.

The Charter Conservatory for Liberal Arts and Technology, part of the CCAT public school district, is a charter school located within the city limits. In 2016 CCAT was renamed Statesboro STEAM – College, Careers, Arts, & Technology Academy.

Bulloch Academy is outside of the city limits.^[36] Other private schools in the area include Trinity Christian School and Bible Baptist Christian School.

Media

Statesboro is served by a variety of media outlets in print, radio, television, and the Internet. Statesboro Magazine is the community's premier quality of life publication. The local newspaper is the Statesboro Herald, a daily with a circulation of about 6,000. Other newspapers include the *George-Anne* produced by Georgia Southern University students, *Connect Statesboro*, a weekly entertainment publication, and the *Eleventh Hour*, a twice-a-month entertainment publication. Radio stations include WHKN, WMCD, WPMX, WPTB, WWNS, and WVGS. *Statesboro Business Magazine* offers Statesboro and area business news, articles, features, jobs, real estate listings and other area business information and reviews.

StatesboroHerald.com has received numerous state^[37] and national awards^[38] from the newspaper industry for online innovation.

Infrastructure

- **Hospitals**

- East Georgia Regional Medical Center
- Willingway Hospital

- **Transportation**

Airports




Approximately 3 miles (5 km) outside of Statesboro is the Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport, which can accommodate private aircraft but does not have a control tower or commercial flights. Most travelers use the nearby Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, which is located 45 miles (72 km) to the east and is served by eight commercial airlines. Statesboro is about three hours by highway from the major Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Highways




Interstate 16 is located 10 miles (16 km) to the south of Statesboro. Statesboro is also served by three U.S. highways: U.S. Highway 301, which runs north–south through the city, U.S. Highway 25, which runs northwest–south through the city, and U.S. Highway 80, which is the main east–west route through the city. The Veterans Memorial Parkway (Highway 301 Bypass and Highway 25 Bypass) forms a near circle around the city.

U.S. Routes:

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-  U.S. Route 25
-  U.S. Route 80
-  U.S. Route 301

State Routes:

-  State Route 24
-  State Route 26
-  State Route 67

Pedestrians and cycling

- S&S Greenway Trail
^[39]
- Blind Willie McTell Trail
^[40]

Rail

Rail service for freight is provided by Norfolk Southern Railway.

Notable people



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- Jason Childers (born 1975), Major League Baseball relief pitcher
- Berry Avant Edenfield, United States District Court judge and Georgia State Senator
- Dale Eggeling (born 1954), golfer, winner of three LPGA Tour events

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E. History of Hazards

Please provide an assessment of the frequency and severity of each of the following hazards that have affected the County in the past.

Coastal Storms:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☒ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Earthquake:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☒ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Windstorms:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☒

Fire:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☒ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☒ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Flood:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☒

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☒ Catastrophic ☐

Freezing:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☒ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☒ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Hurricane:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☐ Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☒ Catastrophic ☐

Mud/Landslide:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☒ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Severe Ice Storms:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☒ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☒ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Severe Storms:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☒

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☒ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Snow:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☐ Very Low ☒ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☒ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Tornado:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☒ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☒ Catastrophic ☐

Tsunami:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☒ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Typhoon:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☒ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

Volcano:

Frequency: Not Applicable ☒ Very Low ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐

Severity: Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Extensive ☐ Catastrophic ☐

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II. Budget

In this section, with regard to the Scope of Work [Section I(B) above], please provide details of all costs in relation to this project. Reasonable cost estimates are essential. **Do not** include contingency costs in the budget. (See example below)

Projected Budget				
Budget Item	Total Cost	FEMA Share	State Share	Local Share
Data Collection	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
GIS and Modeling	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 187,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 37,500.00
Risk Analysis	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Mitigation Design	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Public Engagement and Reporting	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Project Management	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Subtotal	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
Contingency (Maximum 5% of subtotal)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 33,750.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,750.00
Total	\$ 945,000.00	\$ 708,750.00	\$ 94,500.00	\$ 141,750.00

Total Estimated Project Cost \$ 945,000

A. Funding Sources (round figures to the nearest dollar) The maximum FEMA share for HMA projects is 75%. The other 25% can be made up of State and Local funds as well as in-kind services. HMGP funds may be packaged with other Federal funds, but other Federal funds (except for Federal funds which lose their Federal identity at the State level – such as CDBG, ARS, HOME) may not be used for the State or Local match.

B. Project Management Costs Include project management costs, not to exceed 5% of Total Estimated Project Cost.

Description of Task	Hours	Rate	Cost	Source
Project Management	1,890	\$25	\$47,250.00	Grant

The budget includes \$47,250 for county staff to manage the project, including completion of the Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement, securing a contractor, quarterly reports, financial reconciliation and project closeout.

Estimated FEMA Share	\$ <u>708,750.00</u>	<u>75</u> % of Total
Non-Federal Share		
Estimated Local Share	\$ <u>141,750.00</u>	<u>15</u> % of Total (Cash)
Estimated State Share	\$ <u>94,500.00</u>	<u>10</u> % of Total (Cash)
Total Project Costs	\$ <u>945,000.00</u>	<u>100</u> % of Total

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681- 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions

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to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

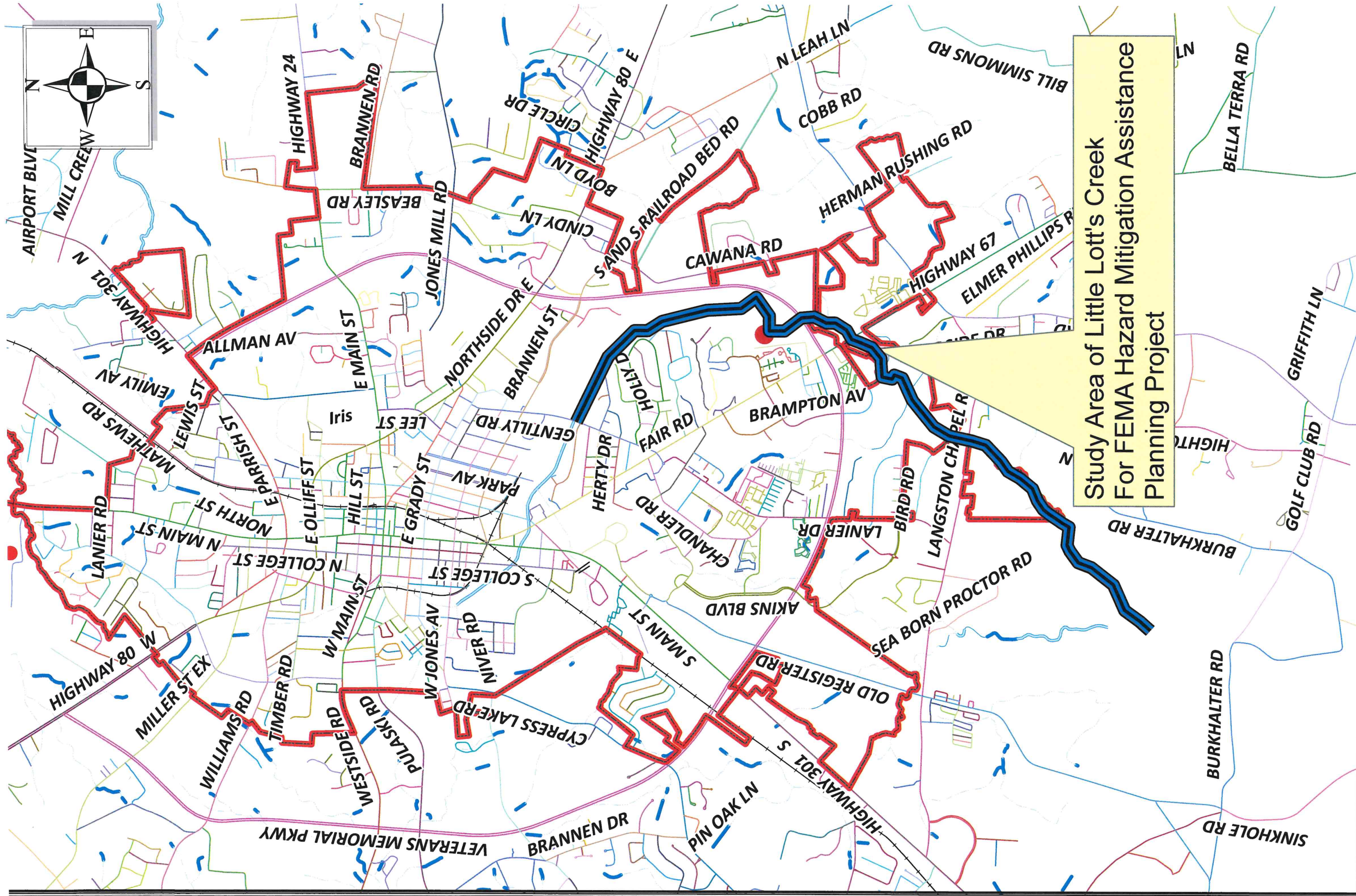
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED APPLICANT AGENT	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Statesboro	DATE SUBMITTED



Study Area of Little Lott's Creek
For FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance
Planning Project