

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch of Kansas, Inc., has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP) funding through the Missouri Department of Public Safety as a subgrantee.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

**Subgrantee:** Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch of Kansas, Inc.

**Project Title:** 2022-UA-00069 (48606): MO Overland Park KS Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch

**Location of Proposed Work:** Chabad House Center of Kansas City, 6201 Indian Creek Drive Overland Park, KS 66207 USA (38.93946542, -94.65613044) [Figure 1].

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** The Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch of Kansas, Inc. is located in a Zone AE Regulatory Floodway or area of 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the City of Overland Park Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Numbers: 20091C0053G and 20091C0054G, both effective on 08/03/2009. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the floodway. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The proposed project is for security upgrades to a licensed childcare center run by the non-profit organization, Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch. The facility is also known as the Chabad House Center of KC which was founded in 1970. It is the headquarters for Chabad Lubavitch in the states of Kansas and Missouri which provides childcare, education, and social services to the local community. The physical security upgrades will extend the life of this facility. Due to the nature of the proposed security upgrades, all electric components will be elevated above the floodplain and the physical components are not likely to be adversely impacted by the floodway.

## **Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1 (No action):** Due to its location within the floodway, there is a 1% chance that the building will be flooded every year. Should FEMA not fund the proposed grant, the

Chabad House would not have the necessary funds to make the security upgrades to the facility. However, not completing the security upgrades would leave the community members that use the facility at increased risk.

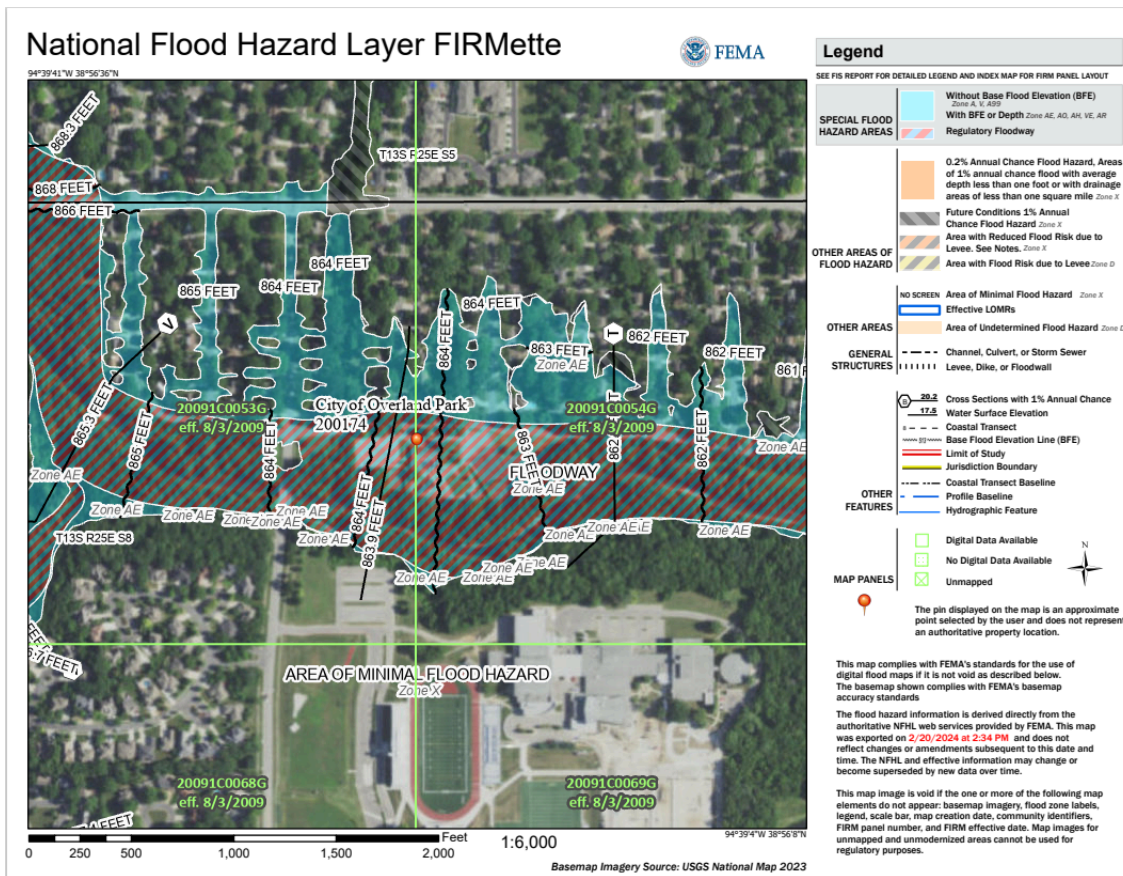
**Alternative #2** (Relocate outside of the floodplain): Relocating the Chabad House outside of the floodway would reduce the risk of future flood loss is not a cost-effective option. Moving the entire facility would require purchasing a new property, constructing any necessary modifications, and installing the proposed security upgrades. Additionally, relocation could remove access to the communities that utilizes the services should it be moved farther away.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the following email: [teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [NSGP Merkos L’Inyonei Chinuch 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON: 5/3/2024**



[Figure 1]

**End of Notice**