



We Are Columbia

City of Columbia Flood Recovery Program  
P.O. Box 147, Columbia, SC 29214

## City of Columbia Flood Recovery Property Acquisition Program Property Owner Interest Voluntary Notice

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Columbia is pursuing funding through various federal grants that will be used to mitigate against the effect of future flood events. If you are interested in exploring your options for reducing your flood losses deemed as structural damages by taking part in our Flood Mitigation Property Acquisition Program, please complete the attached **Notice of Voluntary Interest Form** to the best of your ability. Signing the form only indicates your interest and does not commit you to any action: even if you are **not** interested in participating in the program, it is important that you specify this on the Voluntary Interest Form and send it back to the City of Columbia using the prepaid mailing envelope. Signing this form does not guarantee that the City of Columbia will acquire your property nor is it a guarantee that your property will meet all of the eligibility criteria for the Acquisition Program. Your property must meet one (1) or more of the following minimum eligibility criteria in order to be considered for property acquisition:

1. Repetitive property loss (as defined by FEMA, it is those properties that made **more than one** insurance claim in the past **five** years).
2. Structures that were substantially damaged by the October 2015 floods.
3. Property is in the floodplain/floodway.

If you are interested in participating in the **elevation** program, it is imperative that you have not begun any repair work on the structure: **this will make you ineligible to take part in the program.**

Please direct questions concerning the Flood Recovery Property Acquisition Program to:

City of Columbia Flood Recovery Property Acquisition Program  
Post Office Box #147  
Columbia, SC 29217

Email: [COCFloodRecovery@columbiasc.net](mailto:COCFloodRecovery@columbiasc.net)  
803-545-0005

If you choose to participate and include your property in the Property Acquisition Program, the City of Columbia will conduct a further review of your structural damages to determine if the property meets the qualifications. If the City of Columbia is awarded federal grant funding for property acquisition or rehabilitation, then the properties within the city limits of Columbia, SC that meet the Property Acquisition Program criteria will be considered. Properties that are awarded through this process may be eligible to receive 75% of the pre-event value of the property in accordance with federal guidelines and policies.

**The local government is required by Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to inform you that your participation in this project for open-space acquisition is *voluntary*. Neither the *State* nor the *Local Government* will use its eminent domain authority to acquire the property for open-space purposes if you choose not to participate, or if negotiations fail. If you have flood insurance, please include your Flood Insurance Policy information, including your policy number.**

**THE COMPLETED VOLUNTARY INTEREST FORM IS DUE AUGUST 12, 2016 VIA MAIL OR  
SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO [COCFLOODRECOVERY@COLUMBIASC.NET](mailto:COCFLOODRECOVERY@COLUMBIASC.NET)**