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## GEMA Funding Application

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Hello Neighbors,

As you may remember from a board meeting late last year, Vice President Sandy Pullara mentioned we were investigating Federal, State, and Local funding sources to help us offset the cost of our Lake Petit Spillway replacement. I am pleased to let you know that we have identified a potential source of funding through the State of Georgia's allocation of FEMA funds from last year's Hurricane Helene. We have spent many months working with our Engineer of Record, Geosyntec, to prepare a very comprehensive funding application, which will be submitted to GEMA (Georgia Emergency Management Agency) later this week.

As part of the GEMA submission requirements, we are posting a Notice of our funding request in the Pickens Progress classifieds later this week. We wanted to make you aware of this posting in advance so you could hear the accurate information directly from us.

As we have stated at numerous Board Meetings and Town Halls, your Board, Staff, and Finance Committee have been preparing for the costs of the Lake Petit Spillway replacement for several years. We have the funds to move ahead with this project, and no special assessment will be required for its

**completion.** However, the Board and I feel it would be prudent to explore all outside funding sources that may be available to help offset the spillways replacement cost.

GEMA does not have a specific timeline for the approval or denial of our application, so we will continue to keep the community updated in our monthly Board Meetings with any information we receive.

Thank you for your support of this important infrastructure project.

Scott Auer  
General Manager, Big Canoe POA

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