

February 5, 2019

Ben Malone
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Services
3381 Skyway Drive
Auburn, Alabama 36830

Re: Tropical Storm Gordon (September 4, 2018) and Continuing Rain Events – Etta Smith Road

Dear Mr. Malone:

On September 4, 2018, Baldwin County, Alabama, experienced impairment of several of its watersheds caused by excessive erosion and flooding as a result of receiving 3"-4" inches of rain from Tropical Storm Gordon. Between August 1, 2018, and January 28, 2019, this location has received 40"-50" inches of total rainfall. The erosion head cut near Etta Smith Road threatens a brick house (13200 Etta Smith Rd) and house trailer and also compromises a 10-inch sewer line that serves numerous residents (approximately 150) west of Fish River. Baldwin County is extremely concerned that future flooding will cause damage to public roads and property threatened by erosion.

Baldwin County, Alabama, is requesting Federal Assistance under provisions of Section 403, Agricultural Act of 1978, to restore these drainage areas to safe conditions. This work is needed to safeguard lives, public utilities, and property from an imminent hazard of flood water and erosion.

We understand, as sponsors of an Emergency Watershed Protection Project, our responsibilities will include acquiring land rights and permits needed to construct, and if required, to operate and maintain the proposed measures. NRCS will be responsible for their portion of the construction cost.

The official representative to act as liaison on behalf of Baldwin County is Joey Nunnally, P.E., Baldwin County Engineer, and can be contacted at 251-972-8544, or at jnunnally@baldwincountyal.gov, if any further information is required.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Gruber
Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

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