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Kurt Readus, State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
C/O Grenada Engineering Office
2119 South Commerce St.
Grenada MS 38901-5109

6/29/2026

Dear Mr. Readus:

We request Federal assistance under the provisions of section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1950, Public Law 81-516 or section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, Public Law 95-334, to restore damages sustained in the City of Vicksburg by storms of April 28-30, 2026. This work is needed to safeguard lives and property from an imminent hazard of streambank erosion, slope instability, drainage failures, and other watershed damages that were caused by excessive erosion and runoff.

We are a unit of local government with a legal interest in or responsibility for the values threatened by the watershed emergency. We understand, as sponsors of emergency watershed protection measures, that our responsibilities will include:

- Contributing a share of the project costs, as determined by NRCS, by providing funds or eligible services necessary to undertake the activity.
- Obtaining any necessary real property rights, water rights, and regulatory permits.
- Agreeing to provide for any required operation and maintenance of the completed emergency measures.

We have exhausted or have insufficient funding or other resources available to provide adequate relief from applicable hazards. We acknowledge that NRCS will not provide funding for activities undertaken by a sponsor prior to the signing of an agreement between NRCS and the sponsor.

For sites that involve roads, no federal roads are included, and no direct federal funds are being used to maintain the land or road.

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City Website: <http://www.vicksburg.org>

The work will be done as (check one):

 X CLO (bid out to contractor, Technical Assistance (TA) funds earned)

 Force Account, no TA (sponsor will do work and/or purchase materials and keep daily job diary, and/or use contingency contractor). In-kind contribution (\$\$) must be agreed to before start of construction.

The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the administrative and technical contact persons in our organization are as follows:

Administrative Contact:

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Technical Contact:

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Please contact them for any additional information that you might need in assessing our request.

Sincerely,

Willis T. Thompson, Mayor