

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) has received the following application for Federal grant funding. Notice is hereby given of FEMA's consideration to provide funding in the form of a Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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.

Applicant: Carteret County, North Carolina

Project Title: Carteret County Elevation Project; HMGP-4588

Location of Proposed Work: this project consists of the elevation of nineteen (19) residential structures located in Beaufort, Davis, Gloucester, Sea Level, Stacy and Williston, North Carolina.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This will be a voluntary elevation program. For all property owners who decide to participate in this voluntary program, the properties will be elevated utilizing HMGP grant funds. The properties will be elevated in accordance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions, as a means of mitigating against future flood damage and losses at these sites.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1, No Action: the 'no action' alternative would continue to place these structures at a high risk of flooding and flood-related damage. If no action is taken, the risk of structural damage, and potential for loss of life, due to this damage, would remain a high probability.

Alternative #2, Acquisition and Demolition: homeowners are not selecting to leave their homes and communities, as a means of reducing flood risk. Elevating the properties in place will allow the residents to remain in their homes and communities, reducing the risk from future flooding, and keep the tax base in their community.

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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:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer
FEMA Region 4
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [HMGP-4588 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the **original** posting date of this notice.

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SECONDARY POSTING: March 18, 2022

End of Notice