

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Carteret County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the North Carolina State Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub-recipient.

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 to 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.

Sub-Applicant: Carteret County

Project Title: 69878 – Beaufort EMS; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01173

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Beaufort EMS	683 W. Beaufort Rd., Beaufort, NC 28516	34.72634	-76.65064	1996

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for repairs to interior and exterior building components of the Beaufort EMS. Although not flooded, the facility is located in the X (0.2% annual chance flood elevation) flood zone. Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel #3720730600J. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be installed within the existing footprint of the Beaufort EMS building and will have no effect on the local floodplain.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Carteret County Government is requesting funds to remove and replace certain interior building components of Beaufort EMS that were damaged by a roof leak caused by wind driven rain, including acoustic ceiling tiles, gypsum board in ceiling and walls, insulation, painted wall surface on masonry, carpet, vinyl flooring, and wall base. The purpose of the overall project is to restore the Beaufort EMS in-kind and within the existing footprint. The applicant has proposed floodplain minimization measures, including re-caulking windows, placing sandbags around the structure, and/or a flood wall or earthen berm around the structure, as well as raising utilities.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1: (no-action alternative): The ‘no-action’ alternative would result in a continued disruption of county emergency services; as well as the occurrence of potential future flooding of the same area.

Alternative #2: (Repair in-kind): Repairing the facility in-kind without the added floodplain minimization measures would leave the fire station at risk to future flooding. If similar damages occur again, it would cause adverse social and economic impacts.

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
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-01173 11988 COMMENT].

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

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End of Notice