

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.

Applicant: Carteret County

Project Title: 69878 – South River_Merrimon Fire Department; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01173

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
South River/Merrimon Fire Department	1329 S. River Rd., Beaufort, NC 28512	34.96007	-76.60003	1974

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for repairs to interior and exterior building components of the South River/Merrimon Fire Department located in the AE (1% annual chance flood elevation) flood zone. Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel #3720740400K. 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 South River/Merrimon Fire Department 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 and exterior building components of South River/Merrimon Fire Department that were damaged by (a.) surface water flooding, including interior insulation and (1) riding grass mower, and (b.) wind, including exterior vinyl siding and (1) lighted sign. The applicant has proposed floodplain minimization measures, including measures already done as well as measures post Hurricane Florence. Pre-Florence: Sprayed finish sealant on floor, so as to protect concrete, and only requiring cleaning

after storm events; Raised ice machine. Post-Florence: Install aluminum door dams to minimize potential for surface water intrusion.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1: (no-action alternative): The ‘no-action’ alternative would result in a continued disruption of county fire safety 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 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