

# **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 – Otway Fire Department; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01173

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Otway Fire Department	509 HWY 70, Beaufort, NC 28516	34.7761	-76.5573	1977

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for repairs to interior and exterior building components of the Otway 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 #3720732800J. 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 Otway 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 Otway Fire Department that were damaged by (a.) surface water flooding, including wood paneling, baseboard, (1) wood door, (1) fiberglass door, and interior floor epoxy, by (b.) water leak through the roof, including fiberglass insulation and gypsum wall board, and by (c.) high velocity winds, including (2) overhead metal doors, soffit, fascia, vinyl siding, (2) downspouts and (3) downspout elbows, (1) metal clad frame door, (1) exterior light, and (1) canopy roof with asphalt shingles.

The Otway EMS building, which is adjacent to the Otway Fire Department building, suffered damages to interior and exterior building components by high velocity winds and a water leak through the roof. These damaged components will also be removed and replaced. The purpose of the overall project is to restore the Otway Fire Department and EMS facility within the existing footprint with a mitigation proposal to install a vapor barrier underneath the fire department living quarters and to install a whole house French Drain. Floodplain minimization measures have also been proposed, and include: sand bags, elevation of HVAC unit and propane tanks, and elevation of electrical components.

**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 mitigation technique and 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.

**POSTED ON:** January 22, 2020

**End of Notice**