

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Carteret County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through North Carolina 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, 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:** PN 119164 Courthouse/Social Services Repairs PA-04-NC-4465-PW-00358

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Dates of Construction
Courthouse	302 Courthouse Square, Beaufort, NC	34.72012	-76.66238	1907
Social Services	210 Craven St., Beaufort, NC	34.71816	-76.66269	1992

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for the repair of the Carteret County Courthouse and Social Services, Beaufort, NC. All work is located in a Shaded X zone (0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Carteret County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720730600J, dated 11/03/2005. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the Shaded X zone. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Carteret County will restore the Carteret County Courthouse and Social Service building by replacing sheetrock, wood door, wooden posts, plastic lattice, ceiling tiles, and re-sealing and re-glazing aluminum and replacing architectural shingles, copper flashing and drip edge, resetting a cupola. These repairs will restore these buildings functionality for the judicial, social, and economic use by the community.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative is not practicable as deterioration of the building would continue and ultimately result in negative social and economic impact in Carteret County.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): The Courthouse is listed on the Historic National Register, and the Social Services building also is within Beaufort's Historic District. Both structures provide vital services for the residents of Carteret County and are centrally located in the Carteret County commercial district. Relocating these facilities could cause social and economic concerns for the community.

**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](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4465-NC-00358 11988 COMMENT].

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

**POSTED ON:** May 22, 2020

**End of Notice**