

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Oak Island 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: Town of Oak Island

Project Title: 162459 – 9th St and 20th St walkover damages; PA-04-NC-4568-PW-00126

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
9 th St walkover	33.91577	-78.15301	Approximately 1990
20 th St walkover	33.91546	-78.14178	Approximately 1990

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repairs to the 9th Street and 20th Street walkover footbridges to restore them to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within their existing footprints. All work is located in an AE zone (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Brunswick County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Numbers: 3720205600K & 3720206600K, dated 08/28/2018. 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 AE Zone. The proposed work will 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:

The Town of Oak Island will remove and replace damaged wooden beams, X-bracings, decking, joists, ledgers, piles, and railings from both walkover footbridge locations. The 9th Street and 20th Street walkover footbridges provide access for pedestrians through the floodplain and wetland without disrupting the ecosystem. As such, these facilities promote open space usage within the community and preserve the natural and beneficial values of floodplains and wetlands.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Town of Oak Island. If the damage is not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): Relocation is not a practicable alternative as these facilities are functionally dependent on remaining within the floodplain to perform their intended functions. If these facilities were to be relocated, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

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 [DR-4568-NC-00126 11988 COMMENT].

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

POSTED ON: (*insert posted date*)

End of Notice