

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: 162417-Temporary Vegetative Debris Staging Site; PA-04-NC-4568-PW-00185

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Temporary Staging/Griding of Vegetative Debris at Dolphin Dr.	110 E. Dolphin Dr., Oak Island, NC 28465	33.915458	-78.159260

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

Town-wide debris removal following Hurricane Isaias included grinding of collected vegetative debris at a temporary staging site established on Dolphin Dr., Oak Island. The temporary site is within an **AE Flood Zone**. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Brunswick County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number #3720205600K, dated 08/28/2018. The completed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is no longer a potential for the debris to be impacted by future flooding events as all debris has been transported to a final disposal site outside the floodplain. The completed work did not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and therefore will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Town of Oak Island has completed debris removal throughout town, including removal of 49,373.3 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 13,021 cubic yards of construction/demolition debris, 2,575 hazardous hanging limbs, 21 leaning trees 6in to 12.99in diameter and 13 leaning trees 13in to 23.99in diameter. All debris was transported to temporary debris staging sites, where all construction/demolition debris was compacted and all vegetative debris was grinded, before transporting debris to final disposal sites. Due to the temporary staging of all vegetative debris in a flood hazard area, there was no effect on floodplain values as all debris has been cleared out of the flood hazard area. As such, no adverse impacts to the floodplain or wetland should occur.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would have ultimately resulted in a negative impact on town/government, social, and economic functions as leaving debris in place would create hazardous situations throughout town.

Alternative #2 (alternative actions): Any alternative action could have disrupted the process of debris disposal which could have delayed the clearing of debris from town rights-of-ways and public areas, resulting in an adverse impact to town/government, social, and economic functions.

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-00185 11988 COMMENT].

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

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