

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: 162450 – Oak Island Pier Repairs; PA-04-NC-4568-PW-00235

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Town of Oak Island Pier	705 Ocean Dr., Oak Island, NC 28465	33.903597	-78.082060	Approximately 2019

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for in-kind repairs to the Town of Oak Island's Pier. All work is located in a VE zone (Coastal High Hazard Zone). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Brunswick County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720207500K, 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 VE 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:

The Town of Oak Island will utilize contracts for the repairs to the Oak Island Pier to restore this facility to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within its existing footprint. Temporary repairs consisted of removing a damaged Pile, removal and replacement for eight (8) X-braces, and installation of temporary K-bracing and wooden barricades. Permanent repairs will consist of installing a new Pile, reinstalling X-braces, and replacing bolts, connectors, washers, and wooden blocking as well as removing the temporary K-bracing and barricades. The Oak Island Pier promotes open space usage within the community and is functionally dependent on remaining within the floodplain.

Project Alternatives:

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

Alternative #2 (Relocation): Relocation is not a practicable alternative as the Oak Island Pier is functionally dependent on remaining within the floodplain to provide its intended service to the community. If the facility were to be relocated outside of the floodplain, 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-00235 11988 COMMENT].

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

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