

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) has received the following application for Federal grant funding. Notice is hereby given of FEMA's consideration to provide funding in the form of a Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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.

Applicant: Hyde County

Project Title: Hyde County Elevation project; HMGP-4465-0016

Location of Proposed Work: The area affected by this project consists of the elevation of twenty-seven (27) residential structures located within the recognized township of Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This will be a voluntary elevation program. For all property owners who decide to participate in this voluntary program, the properties will be elevated utilizing HMGP grant funds. The properties will be elevated in accordance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions as a means of mitigating against future flood damage and losses at these sites.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would continue to place these structures at a high risk of being affected by the floodplain. The subject properties would remain susceptible to any future flooding events. The damages and risk of potential loss of life would continue to be a threat if no action is taken.

Alternative #2 (Acquisition and demolition): The owners of these residential properties do not want to leave their homes or communities and there are also high up-front costs when doing so. Elevating the properties in place will allow the residents to remain in their homes and communities, as well as, keep the tax base in their community, and the risk from future flooding

events will be decreased. Furthermore, the property owners have elected to pursue elevation to mitigate future risk, finding acquisition and demolition undesirable.

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 [HMGP-4465-0016 11988 COMMENT].

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

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