

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Beaufort has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency (NCEMA) 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 to 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: Town of Beaufort

Project Title: PA-04-NC-4393-PW-00412/ PN 69667 – Pumps and Motors for Lift Stations

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Lift Station #2 and #5	1112 Front St and 334 Front St, Beaufort, NC	34.712616 34.717	-76.654900 -76.666	1990

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone (SFHA):

This project is for the repair of Lift Stations located in flood zone AE. Confirmation of location in a Flood Zone was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 3720730600J, dated 11/3/2005. The proposed work conforms to all applicable North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the stations to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within an AE Flood 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 Beaufort is requesting funds to repair two lift stations associated with a Wastewater Treatment Plant. The town replaced a motor assembly and a rotating assembly at Lift Stations #2 and #5. The concrete apron surrounding the lift station access hatches was replaced with a waterproof alternative, which better seals the stations from flood water. This will also minimize the future risks of flood damage and enable the facility to operate during flooding conditions. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the AE zone.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken to repair this facility, the wastewater treatment facility lift stations will not function as designed and wastewater services may be disrupted.

Alternative #2: Relocation of the lift stations outside the AE flood zone is not considered economically practicable, since they are dependent on being located at lower elevations and are part of a larger infrastructure system. Additionally, more practicable measures can be implemented by way of waterproofing the apron around the Lift Station access hatches.

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. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-00412 69667 COMMENT].

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

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End of Notice