

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Town of Beaufort 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 Beaufort

**Project Title:** PN 119893 Town Hall Repairs, PA-04-NC-4465-PW-00374

**Location of Proposed Work:**

| Facility  | Address                        | Latitude | Longitude | Dates of Construction |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Town Hall | 701 Front Street, Beaufort, NC | 34.71525 | -76.66228 | 1937                  |

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for the repair of the Town Hall, Beaufort, NC. All work is located in a Coastal AE Zone (1.0% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, seaward of the Limit of Moderate Wave Action). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Carteret County Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720730500K, dated 06/30/2016. 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 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:**

Town of Beaufort will restore the Town Hall by replacing 2 windows, vinyl around the windows; plaster finish and electrical outlets, using best construction practices. These repairs will restore the building's functionality for the social and economic use by the community.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative is not practicable as deterioration of the building would continue and ultimately result in negative social and economic impact in the Town of Beaufort.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): The Town Hall is listed on the Historic National Register, and provides vital services for the residents of the Town of Beaufort as it is centrally located in the commercial district. Relocating this facility could cause social and economic concerns for the community.

**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](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4465-NC-00374 11988 COMMENT].

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

**POSTED ON:** (June 5, 2020)

**End of Notice**