

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Date of Notice: 06/10/2020

**Event(s):** FEMA-4393-DR-NC; FEMA-4412-DR-NC; FEMA-4465-DR-NC; FEMA-4543-DR-NC

**Project Title(s):** NC Department of Transportation A: Debris Removal and Disposal

NC Department of Transportation C: Minor Road Repairs and Safety

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reimburse North Carolina Department of Transportation for eligible costs incurred to restore and repair publicly-owned facilities serviced under their authority and jurisdiction damaged as a result of:

Hurricane Florence, incident period of September 7-29, 2018, and under the major disaster declaration FEMA-4393-DR-NC, signed by the President on September 14, 2018;

Tropical Storm Michael, incident period of October 10-12, 2018, and under the major disaster declaration FEMA-4412-DR-NC, signed by the President on January 31, 2019;

Hurricane Dorian, incident period of September 1-9, 2019, and under the major disaster declaration FEMA-4465-DR-NC, signed by the President on September 3, 2019.

Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding, incident period of February 6-19, 2020, and under the major disaster declaration FEMA-4543-DR-NC, signed by the President on May 8, 2020.

The initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published on Thursday, October 25, 2018 for DR-4393 Hurricane Florence; Wednesday, February 6, 2019 for DR-4412 Tropical Storm Michael; Friday, October 18, 2019 for DR-4465 Hurricane Dorian; and Wednesday, May 13, 2020 for Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations.

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).

This notice serves as a cumulative final notice for FEMA's funding action for the projects located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs of several roads and linear facilities, already located within the floodplain prior the events.

Funding for the proposed work project (s) will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

This Final Public Notice concerns activities involving debris removal and disposal, minor repairs to linear transportation facilities and related safety features which may be in the floodplain prior the event and may affect floodplain or wetland areas. FEMA intends to provide public assistance for the restoration to their pre-disaster condition of these facilities already located within floodplain prior the event, with certain measures to minimize the effect of future flooding, other hazards, and accessibility

requirements which may be included in the work. For example, a bridge or culvert restoration may include a larger waterway opening to decrease the risk of future washouts.

For covered actions, this will be the Final Public Notice provided. Other activities and those involving facilities that do not meet the criteria are required to undergo more detailed review, including study of alternate locations. Subsequent Project Specific Final Public Notice(s) regarding such projects will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effect of their undertakings on historic properties. Such as actions or activities affecting buildings, structures, districts or objects 50 years or older or that affect archeological sites or undisturbed ground will require further review.

In many cases, the applicant may have started facility restoration before federal involvement. Even if the facility must undergo detailed review and analysis of alternate locations, FEMA will fund eligible restoration at the original location if the facility is functionally dependent on its floodplain location, such as bridges and ferry access, or the project facilitates an open space use, or the facility is an integral part of a larger network and is impractical or uneconomical to relocate, such as a road. In such cases, FEMA must also examine the possible effects of not restoring the facility, minimizing floodplain or wetland impacts, and determining an overriding public need for the facility clearly outweighs the Executive Order requirements to avoid the floodplain or wetland, and the site is the only practicable alternative. NC Department of Transportation and local officials will confirm to FEMA that proposed actions comply with all applicable state and local floodplain management and wetland protection requirements.

**Location(s) of Proposed Work, and Locations per Community Flood Insurance Program's FIRM, per review on 02/05/2020.**

<b>County, North Carolina</b>	<b>Community Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Index Panel(s)</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>
Alamance County	37001CIND0F	11/17/2017
Alexander County	37003CIND0D	07/07/2009
Alleghany County	37005CIND0B	11/04/2009
Anson County	37007CIND0C	10/16/2008
Ashe County	37009CIND0B	12/03/2009
Beaufort County	37013CIND0G	06/19/2020
Bertie County	37015CIND0C	12/21/2018
Bladen County	37017CIND0D	12/06/2019
Brunswick County	37019CIND0E	12/06/2019
Cabarrus County	37025CIND0E	11/16/2018
Camden County	37029CIND0E	12/21/2018
Carteret County	37031CIND0D	06/19/2020
Caswell County	37033CIND0B	11/17/2017
Chatham County	37183CIND0G	12/06/2019
Cherokee County	37039CIND0C	04/19/2010
Chowan County	37041CIND0E	12/21/2018
Cleveland County	37045CIND0B	07/02/2008

Columbus County	37047CIND0D	12/06/2019
Craven County	37049CIND0D	06/19/2020
Cumberland County	37051CIND0E	06/20/2018
Currituck County	37053CIND0D	06/19/2020
Dare County	37055CIND0B	06/19/2020
Davidson County	37081CIND0G	11/17/2017
Davie County	37059CIND0E	06/16/2009
Duplin County	37061CIND0E	06/19/2020
Forsyth County	37169CIND0F	08/18/2009
Gaston County	37071CIND0G	09/02/2015
Graham County	37075CIND0C	04/19/2010
Granville County	37077CIND0E	12/06/2019
Greene County	37079CIND0F	06/20/2018
Guilford County	37081CIND0G	11/17/2017
Harnett County	37085CIND0G	06/20/2018
Hoke County	37093CIND0E	07/07/2014
Hyde County	37095CIND0G	06/19/2020
Iredell County	37097CIND0G	11/16/2018
Johnston County	37101CIND0G	06/20/2018
Jones County	37103CIND0E	06/19/2020
Lee County	37105CIND0E	11/17/2017
Lenoir County	37147CIND0H	06/19/2020
Madison County	37115CIND0B	01/06/2010
McDowell County	37111CIND0D	01/06/2010
Mitchell County	37121CIND0B	06/02/2009
Montgomery County	37123CIND0E	06/16/2009
Moore County	37125CIND0H	11/17/2017
New Hanover County	37129CIND0E	12/06/2019
Onslow County	37133CIND0D	06/19/2020
Orange County	37063CIND0H	12/06/2019
Pamlico County	37137CIND0B	06/19/2020
Pasquotank County	37029CIND0E	12/21/2018
Pender County	37141CIND0B	12/06/2019
Perquimans County	37143CIND0D	12/21/2018
Person County	37145CIND0E	12/06/2019
Pitt County	37147CIND0H	06/19/2020
Polk County	37149CIND0B	10/02/2008
Randolph County	37081CIND0G	11/17/2017
Richmond County	37153CIND0E	07/07/2014
Robeson County	37155CIND0F	12/06/2019

Rockingham County	37157CIND0C	01/02/2009
Rowan County	37025CIND0E	11/16/2018
Rutherford County	37161CIND0D	01/06/2010
Sampson County	37061CIND0E	06/19/2020
Scotland County	37165CIND0G	12/06/2019
Stanly County	37167CIND0F	11/16/2018
Stokes County	37169CIND0F	08/18/2009
Surry County	37171CIND0B	11/18/2016
Swain County	37173CIND0A	04/19/2010
Tyrrell County	37177CIND0D	06/19/2020
Union County	37179CIND0E	11/16/2018
Vance County	37181CIND0C	12/06/2019
Washington County	37187CIND0E	06/19/2020
Wayne County	37061CIND0E	06/19/2020
Wilson County	37101CIND0G	06/20/2018
Yadkin County	37197CIND0B	08/18/2009
Yancey County	37199CIND0A	06/02/2009

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The proposed action scopes of work (SOW) includes the repair and restoration of roadways, shoulders, bridges, signs, signals (safety components), stormwater conveyances (culverts/ditches), water retention (bulkheads/basins), stabilization measures, facilities and equipment back to pre-disaster condition and function with some potential for codes and standards upgrades to minimize future flood hazard damage. These roads are located State and District wide and repairs may or may not be located within a Special Flood Hazard Area.

**Comments:**

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action(s) funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of specific project(s) by writing 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 [NCDOT FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE FEMA-4393-4412-4465-4543 NC].

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

\*\*\*End of Notice\*\*\*