

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NC Department of Transportation 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: NC Department of Transportation

Project Title: 118367 - Ocracoke Dormitory; PA-04-NC-4465-PW-00485

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Ocracoke Dormitory	60 Pilottown Circle, Ocracoke, NC 27960	35.11729	-75.98667	1980

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is to restore the Ocracoke Dormitory back to pre-disaster function within the existing footprint. All work is located in an AE zone (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Hyde County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number:3720950100K, dated 06/20/2012. 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:

North Carolina Department of Transportation is restoring the Ocracoke Dormitory's interior and exterior. To minimize future flood damages, best construction practices will be employed. These repairs will restore the building's longevity and functionality for the transportation pilots who run the community's ferry system.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in the building being unsafe, an adverse social impact to Hyde County, as the facility provides lodging for transit workers who provide a vital transportation service to the community.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): Relocating this Ocracoke Dormitory could cause social and economic concerns for the community as it houses the pilots for the community's transportation system, Ocracoke Ferry.

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-4465-NC-00485 11988 COMMENT].

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

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