

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Old Fort has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through the 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 Old Fort

**Project Title:** App Cert McEntire Rd Damage – Old Fort

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility and Address	Latitude, Longitude	Construction Date
McEntire Road, Old Fort, N.C.	<u>Road:</u> Start (35.621011, -82.178092), End (35.620978, -82.178111)  <u>Culvert:</u> (35.621011, -82.178092)	Approximately 1980

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the repair of the Town of Old Fort's McEntire Road surface, embankment, and culvert; which is located in an AE zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) was determined by the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3710065900J, dated 10/02/2008. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations/ 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. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by similar flooding events due to its location within an AE zone.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The Town of Old Fort has completed all repairs to the road, embankment, and culvert. Work is for the removal and/or replacement of 30'L x 5'W x 3" D asphalt road surface and fill, fill for the embankment, and an 18'L x 12" D RCP culvert. All repairs are back to pre-disaster condition using in kind materials within the existing footprint. The road is not functionally dependent on the floodplain, but, the applicant has recognized the road as being the sole access point for the resident living in the community. Minimization measures have been put into place via the installation of GEO tech material applied underneath the rip replaced along the embankment of the road. As such, the useful life of these structures should increase and no adverse impacts to the floodplain should occur.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Town of Old Fort. The resident that resides in the community outside the floodplain would ultimately lose access to their community. Restoring the road to pre-disaster condition with the minimization measures applied to the embankment of McEntire Rd ensures the resident's continued access to their residence. Therefore, the 'no action' alternative could result in adverse impacts to the community whom use this facility.

**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-4393-NC-01330 11988 COMMENT]

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** August 7, 2019

**End of Notice**