

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

New Hanover County 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: New Hanover County Schools

Project Title: 85691 – Northern Division Buildings Repaired; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-02562

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
College Park at Sidbury Road	5301 Sidbury Road, Castle Hayne, North Carolina	34.33137	-77.86690	2002

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repairs to New Hanover County Schools' College Park at Sidbury Road. All work is located in a AE Zone or 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the New Hanover County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720324100K, dated 08/28/2018. 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:

New Hanover County Schools utilized county labor and contracts for repairs to College Park at Sidbury Road to restore this facility back to pre-disaster function and capacity within the existing footprint. Repairs consisted of repair and replacement for interior walls, ceiling tiles, carpeting, windows, and smoke detectors as well as mold remediation, water extraction, drying, and dehumidification of the facility and mobile units. A Hazard Mitigation Proposal has been included with this project to upgrade waterproof sealant at all entry points to the facility to minimize water intrusion. Upgrading the waterproof sealant on entry points throughout the facility will minimize the impacts of similar events by reducing the effects of water intrusion and heavy rainfall, increasing the useful life of the facility and improving its resiliency during future events.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on New Hanover County. If the interior damage was not repaired, then adverse social impacts may occur due to the school facility remaining closed to students.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the interior components without minimization measures may result in similar damages from future events. If similar damages occur again, it would cause adverse economic and social impacts.

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-02562 11988 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