

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Hyde 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: Hyde County

Project Title: 122940-Davis Center & EMS Station; PA-04-NC-4465-PW-00428

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Davis Youth Center	33480 US-264 Hwy, Engelhard, NC 27824	35.51078	-76.02247	Approximately 1954
EMS Station	270 Back Road, Ocracoke, NC 27960	35.11273	-75.97782	Approximately 1970
(New Location) EMS Station	935 Irvin Garrish Hwy, Ocracoke, NC 27960	35.10812	-75.97518	Approximately 2005

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the replacement and repair of ceiling tiles, roofing, and flooring within Davis Youth Center and Hyde County EMS Station. All work is located in a shaded X zone (0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard) and 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: 3720868400K and 3720950000K, dated 06/19/2020. 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 shaded X and 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:

Hyde County will repair and replace damaged roofing and ceiling tiles as well as replace flooring in the gym locker room, and equipment rooms in the Davis Youth Center. Minimization measures will be implemented to Davis Youth Center by installing elastomeric sheet water proofing to the membrane of the roof and ceiling, as well as replacing the gym and locker room vents with water-resistant vents. The purpose of the work is to restore and preserve the use of the Davis Youth Center for community programs and provide opportunities for youth enrichment and mentoring.

Hyde County will also repair and replace leased building components such as outlets, light fixtures, drywall, doors, carpeting, and ceiling tiles within multiple rooms in the old Hyde County EMS Station. Once the facility is repaired, it will be returned to the private owner. The EMS services have relocated to a facility where expected flood risk is lower but is still centrally located to serve the island community. EMS provides essential services for medical and emergency response throughout the community.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): These facilities serves as an enrichment center for youth and provide emergency response for the community. Without repairs, these services will be impacted and could result in a reduction of social services and medical emergency response.

Alternative #2 (Davis Youth Center - Repair in-kind): Repairing the roof and roofing components without minimization measures may result in similar damages from future events at the Davis Youth Center. If similar damages were to occur, youth services could be interrupted.

Alternative #3 (EMS Station - No relocation): Not relocating the EMS services to a building of lower flood risk may result in similar damages in future storm events causing interruption of essential emergency response.

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-4465-NC-00428 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