

JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and North Carolina Emergency Management have received the following applications for Federal grant funding. Notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's consideration to provide funding in the form of a Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and provide public notices of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12892 also requires FEMA to provide an opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

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.

Applicant: Columbus County, North Carolina

Project Title: Columbus County Expedited Acquisitions

Location of Proposed Work: The area affected by this project consists of thirteen (13) properties located on the following streets in Columbus County: Angelo Circle, E. Oliver Street, Crusoe Island Road, W. Virgil Street, Fire Tower Road, Gapway Road, and W. Walter Street.

Maps of the project areas associated with the grant applications can be reviewed by contacting Maggie Gurule at 919-825-2570.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This will be a voluntary acquisition program. For all property owners who decide to participate in this voluntary program, the properties will be acquired using HMGP grant funds and demolished using PA funds. Once demolished, the properties will be deeded as open space in perpetuity and will be allowed to revert to their natural state.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) structure elevation. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the property will remain vulnerable to flood risks, including property damage and health hazards; as such, continued negative impacts on the property, residents, and community may be experienced; and under Alternative 2), structure elevation would be difficult to age and condition.

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 NCEM Hazard Mitigation Branch, Attn: EHP Specialist, 4238 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-4238, or emailed to HMGGrants@ncdps.gov, by March 29, 2019. The State will forward comments to applicable agencies as needed.