

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Goldsboro has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program 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: City of Goldsboro

Project Title: Elmwood Cemetery

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility and Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Elmwood Cemetery 900 W. Brick St. Goldsboro NC 27530	35.37589	-78.01459	Approximately 1853

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: The City of Goldsboro intends to repair fencing at Elmwood Cemetery and has re-interred burial vaults in the AE flood zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720258800K, dated 6/20/2018. The actions have little potential to impact or affect floodplain values and there is limited potential for the facility to be impacted by similar flooding events, due to the implementation of current cemetery codes and standards.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Goldsboro utilized force accounts labor and equipment to replace disinterred burial vaults, and it will utilize contracts to replace fencing around the cemetery. Five (5) disinterred burial vaults and their associated coffins were re-interred to the city's current cemetery codes, which call for vaults to be placed at least 18 inches beneath the surface. The city will also replace some 185 LF of 5-ft galvanized steel chain link fence.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative could ultimately result in a negative impact on the Goldsboro community. If the damaged facility is not repaired, then there is potential for negative social impact, due to the age and local value of this historically African American cemetery. Therefore, the 'no action' alternative could result in adverse impacts to nearby communities.

Alternative #2 (alternate locations): Alternate locations were considered, as repeated damages to the cemetery site are regarded as detrimental to the community. However, the site promotes open space use and with the vaults reburied to current Goldsboro cemetery codes, the potential for adverse effects has been minimized.

Alternative #3 (practicable alternative actions): No practicable alternative actions exist to reduce the risks posed by flooding, as any construction in or around the cemetery would likely increase the exposure to damage from future flooding and/or displace flood waters.

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-00674 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