

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the City of Goldsboro to remove and replace facility components located within the Goldsboro Water Reclamation Facility due to damages in Hurricane Florence (DR-4393-NC). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistant (PA) Program.

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 to 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.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 25, 2018 for Hurricane Florence. This notice serves as an individual final notice for FEMA's funding action. FEMA has determined that the only practicable action is to replace and protect the damaged components to the base flood elevation at its original location because the facility is functionally dependent upon its location and promotes the protection of human health, property, and welfare.

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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Applicant: City of Goldsboro

Project Title: 66283 – Water Reclamation Facility

Location of Proposed Work:

714 Arrington Bridge Road Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530
GPS Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude): (35.33597, -77.99932)

Proposed Work and Purpose: This project is for the removal and replacement of the facility components located in a flood zone A or AE (1% annual chance flood elevation) and a floodway (the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height). Confirmation of the location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel number 372026800K dated 06/20/2018. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work has the potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA.

Project Alternatives:

If no action is taken to repair and replace the components within the facility, the facility will not be able to function. This alternative is not feasible, as the water reclamation system is vital and necessary to sustain the health of the environment and human welfare that rely on the Neuse River

and Pamlico River Basin. There were no alternate locations considered for this project, for a water reclamation facility is site dependent and requires it to be on the river, in an AE flood zone and floodway.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. Those interested may obtain information about specific projects or a map of the affected area by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 2002 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, calling 770-220-5432, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dh.gov. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to The City of Goldsboro are due within 15 days of this notice. The City of Goldsboro will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. *Catherine F. Gwynn*

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End of Notice