

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Yancey County Government has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the North Carolina State 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: Yancey County

Project Title: Yancey County-Cane River Park; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-00250(0)

Locations of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Cane River Park	258 Whittington Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714	35.914831	-82.385079	2009

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for repairs to Cane River Park, which provides recreation sports, events, and physical exercise activities for the citizens of Yancey County. The park is located in the floodway and 100-year floodplain. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Yancey County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3700989000J, dated 6/02/2009. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. All damages will be repaired in-kind; in addition, the earthen berm along the south end of the park adjacent to the Cane River will be bio-engineered to minimize future flood impacts. The proposed work will not impact the floodplain. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Yancey County is requesting funds to make in-kind repairs to park facilities, including the earthen berm, trails, athletic fields, exercise equipment, pond, playground, fencing, and signs, with a mitigation measure to bio-engineer the earthen berm with green infrastructure techniques to minimize potential for future flooding events. The purpose of this project is to restore the facility for recreation and open-space use to effectively proceed, as well as mitigate future flooding.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would result in a continued disruption of county recreation; as well as the occurrence of potential future flooding of the same area.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the facility in-kind without the added mitigation technique for the earthen berm would leave the park at risk to future flooding. If similar damages occur again, it would cause adverse economic and social impacts.

Conditions:

EO 11988 CONDITION: The playground, exercise area and equipment, and picnic shelter can be relocated outside of the floodway into the 100-year floodplain to reduce risk of flood loss.

EO 11988 CONDITION: Bio-engineer the earthen berm with matting and native fescue for long term slope stabilization and erosion control.

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-00250 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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