

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Yancey County 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:** Yancey County

**Project Title:** 435629 – Silt Debris Cane River Park; PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00002

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Cane River Park	258 Whittington Road, Burnsville, NC 38714	35.914183	-82.384600	Approximately 2009

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is to remove sediment from Cane River Park, and place it back in its original location as a temporary repair to the breached berm, which is located in a Floodway and AE Zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Yancey County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Numbers: 3700989000J, dated 06/02/2009. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for Cane River Park berm and associated facilities/features to be impacted by future flooding events due to their location within the Floodway and AE Zone. The proposed work will take place in or near wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory but will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Yancey County removed 1,900 cubic yards of soil, mud, and sand debris from public rights-of-way, roads and ballfields at Cane River Park and placed it back in its original location as a temporary repair to the breached berm. These temporary repairs are needed by the community to help restore Cane River Park as open space and for recreational use by the community.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact to Yancey County and the community. If the sediment is not removed and placed back in its original location as a temporary repair, then further damages may continue to occur reducing community use of the facilities.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): No alternative site location is practicable for this project. The park and berm provide natural and beneficial use of the floodplain as open space and recreational use for the community.

**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  
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4617-NC-00002 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**