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: 132567 – Cane River Park Berm Repairs; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-02601

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Cane River Park	258 Whittington Road, Burnsville, NC 38714	35.91443	-82.38417	Approximately 2009

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the restoration of Cane River Park berm and associated facilities or features, 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 will repair a portion of berm, including the riverbank, floodplain bench, walkway and other associated facilities or features at Cane River Park. Repairs will include the use of bioengineering techniques (i.e. seeding and live plants) to minimize future flood impacts. These repairs and improvements are needed by the community to restore Cane River Park for open space and 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 berm and associated facilities/features are not repaired, then park damages may continue to occur reducing community use of the facilities.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): No alternative site location is practicable for this project. The berm and associated park facilities or features 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:

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FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer
FEMA Region 4
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

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Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-02601 11988 COMMENT].

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

POSTED ON: August 6, 2020 in the Yancey County Courthouse located at 110 Town Square, Burnsville NC 28714. Also, posted at Cane River Park located at 258 Whittington Road, Burnsville NC 28714.

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End of Notice

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