

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Horry County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the South Carolina Emergency Management Department (SCEMD) 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: Horry County

Project Title: 4677 - Cat G - App Cert: Horry County Beach Crossovers

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Latitude (Start Point)	Longitude (End Point)
Site 1	33.57321	-79.00169
Site 2	33.57321	-79.00169
Site 2 (1)	33.57463	-79.00035
Site 3	33.57612	-78.99912
Site 4	33.57781	-78.99765
Site 5	33.57783	-78.99770

Site 6	33.57857	-78.99699
Site 6 (1)	33.57937	-78.99627
Site 7	33.58017	-78.99553
Site 8	33.580760	-78.994877
Site 9	33.58235	-78.99375
Site 10	33.58313	-78.99288
Site 11	33.58313	-78.99288
Site 12	33.58439	-78.99126
Site 13	33.58525	-78.99076
Site 14	33.58663	-78.98969
Site 15	33.58644	-78.98936
Site 16	33.58644	-78.98936
Site 16 (1)	33.58834	-78.98792

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project was for the repairs for Horry County Beach Crossovers back to pre-disaster conditions. All work is located in AE and VE- Coastal High Hazard Zones (1% annual chance flood elevation with velocity hazard, wave action). Location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Horry County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 45051C083K, dated 12/16/2021. The work conforms to all applicable State of South Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within a VE and AE zone.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Horry County has repaired the following: Site 1: ADA beach walkover was repaired along with placement of surface asphalt, Site 2: Shower pad, asphalt replacement of beach bench, removal and replacement of asphalt in a parking lot, along with the repairs to a shower tower/wash station, Site 3: Removal and replacement of surface asphalt and repairs to a shower station, Site 4: Removal and replacement beach access walkway, 80 FT long x 6 FT wide and repairs and a bike rack pad, 7 FT long x 5 FT wide x 6 IN thick, Site 5: Repairs to asphalt beach access public parking lot, Site 6: A beach walkway and asphalt surface was repaired, Site 7: Asphalt was replaced to a parking lot along with repairs to a shower tower, Site 8: A beach walkover was repaired, Site 9: An ADA beach walkover, an ADA ramp and surface asphalt for a parking lot was repaired, Site 10: A walkover, an ADA access ramp, and a shower tower were repaired, Site 11: An ADA walkover ramp and a shower tower deck were repaired, Site 12: A walkover was repaired along with handrails. Site 13: An ADA walkover, a shower tower and surface asphalt were repaired at this location, Site 14: Surface asphalt was repaired to the parking lot, Site 15: An ADA walkover was repaired at this location, along with a shower tower, Site 16: Metal signage was replaced, bumper stops were also repaired to a parking lot. These facilities were damaged due to high winds, storm surge, and flooding caused by Hurricane Ian. The repairs for the facilities are 100% work completed.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would have an adverse social, economic, and public safety impact in the community. If the beach crossovers, shower stations, parking lots, and signage were not repaired, the ability to maintain and promote the quality of recreational use. The damaged signage would reduce the ability to provide advisory warning for dangerous areas along the beach which could increase disturbances to dunes, vegetation, and wildlife habitat that may be nearby and increase the risk of beach hazards to human health and safety. Therefore, the “no action” alternative is not practicable solution.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): Relocation of the beach crossovers, shower stations, parking lots, and signage is not a feasible alternative because the sites are located within an AE and VE flood zone. It would have a social, economic, and public safety impact on the community and relocating the beach shower stations, parking lots, and signage would prevent them from performing their function. The crossovers are also functionally dependent upon its connection to the beach so relocating them would also not be feasible. Therefore, this alternative is not a

practicable solution.

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. 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. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4677-SC-00161 11988 COMMENT].

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

POSTED ON: 8/30/2023

End of Notice