

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Horry County under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The proposed activity is eligible for funding using CDBG grant funds.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Climate-Informed Science Approach (CISA). This approach is the preferred method for determining the applicability of the regulations.

Project Details

Project Name: Park Improvements at Rosewood Boat Landing

Project Summary: The proposed project includes relocating a public park from 290 Magnolia Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC (PIN 42515040095) to 4699 Peachwood Court, Myrtle Beach, SC (PIN 44006020089). Funding will be used to remove the park equipment from 290 Magnolia Lane and install it at the Peachwood Court location. The equipment being moved includes a swingset and slide play area, benches, and minor infrastructure. There are no buildings or structures with significant ground disturbing activities.

FFRMS Details: The entirety of the site at 4699 Peachwood Court is located within an FFRMS floodplain. The lot is 0.2 acres.

Designation: Non-Critical

Estimated FFRMS Flood Elevation in 2070: 11 feet

Grant Information: CDBG (B-24-UC-45-0006)

The Responsible Entity has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating this project in a floodplain. This is due to:

- 1) the static nature of the floodplains
- 2) there are no economically viable alternative sites available
- 3) high priority need for recreational facilities in the neighborhood.

This project will comply with all local, state, and federal floodplain procedures.

Floodplains provide a wide range of benefits to the ecosystem and community that include: Flood storage and erosion control; water quality maintenance – reducing sediment loads, filtering nutrients and impurities, and moderating water temperature; biological productivity & habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife; as well as recreational opportunities and open space. Potential impacts to these benefits were weighed and analyzed throughout the 8-Step Decision Making Process and these impacts will either be negligible or more than adequately mitigated against, and in some instances the mitigation measures will improve the capacity of the floodplain over its pre-impact state.

The proposed project is not expected to have any impact on the floodplain. It is suitable for carrying out the mission of the United States Department of Urban Development (HUD) by providing necessary public infrastructure improvements to the community. Therefore, the proposed projects will not result in a negative impact to the interests of the surrounding population, the value of the watershed, or the ecological benefits of the floodplain.

The recommendation to proceed with the proposed activities was made based on the fact that no appropriate alternatives were identified, no public comments regarding the floodplain were received, and the proposed actions are to be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal guidelines. In addition, the proposed activities ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the preservation of the natural and beneficial functions and values attributable to on-site floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in **floodplains** and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the **floodplain**, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about **floodplains**, can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in **floodplains**, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Horry County at the following address on or before 11:59 PM on April 21, 2025.

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A full description of the project may also be reviewed from Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM, at the above address or by contacting Michael Dobson, Deputy Director of Community Development, at (843) 915-7033 or dobson.michael@horrycountysc.gov.

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