

## JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and North Carolina Emergency Management have received the following applications for Federal grant funding. Notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's consideration to provide funding in the form of a Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and provide public notices of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12892 also requires FEMA to provide an opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

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.

1. Applicant: Duplin County, North Carolina

Project Title: DR 4393 Hurricane Florence Acquisition Project

Location of Proposed Work: The area affected by this project consists of potentially 143 properties located on the following roads in Duplin County: S Blizzardtown Road, Cedar Branch Ln, Charles Wood Rd, Craven St, W Craven St, S Cumberland St, Cypress Hole Rd, N Dobson Chapel Rd, S Dobson Chapel Rd, Durwood Evans Rd, Fieldcrest Ln, Fire House Rd, Frog Pond Ln, George Dunn Sholar Rd, Hallsville Rd, Hanchey Rd, Island Creek Rd, Jimmy Tate Williams Rd, Joe Cavanaugh MHP Ln, Joseph Lanier Ln, Karen Carter Ln, Kelley's Sandhole Ln, Lum Williams Rd, Lura Ln, Mail Route Rd, S NC 41 Hwy, S NC 41 & 50 Hwy, S NC 50 Hwy, N NC 111-903 Hwy, Norris Ln, Northeast Rd, Norwood Blanchard Rd, Norwood Farms Ln, Oak St, S Orange St, Pasture Branch Rd, Quinn Store Rd, Rattlesnake Ln, Rivenbark Town Rd, Rodney Lanier Ln, Sarecta Rd, Stokestown Rd, S US 117 Hwy, Valpariso St, Wagon Ford Rd, Weasel Ln, Winding Creek Ln.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This will be a voluntary acquisition program. For all property owners who decide to participate in this voluntary program, the properties will be acquired using HMGP grant funds. The properties will be deeded as open space in perpetuity and will be allowed to revert to their natural state.

Project Alternatives:

Not taking a mitigation action is an option. The reason for rejecting the No Action Alternative is that doing so will not mitigate any risks. The entire project area would remain in danger from future flood events. Without acquiring or elevating these structures, damages, and the risk of potential loss of life will continue to be a threat.

The second alternative is to elevate the structures. However, the most effective mitigation action is to remove the structure completely from the high-risk area, thereby eliminating any future risk to the structure. These homeowners prefer acquisition and complete elimination of their risk, so elevation is considered a less preferable option.

2. Applicant: Duplin County, North Carolina

Project Title: DR 4393 Hurricane Florence Elevation Project

Location of Proposed Work: The area affected by this project consists of potentially 38 properties located on the following roads in Duplin County: S Blizzardtown Road, Cedar Branch Ln, Charles Wood Rd, Craven St, W Craven St, S Cumberland St, Cypress Hole Rd, N Dobson Chapel Rd, S Dobson Chapel Rd, Durwood Evans Rd, Fieldcrest Ln, Fire House Rd, Frog Pond Ln, George Dunn Sholar Rd, Hallsville Rd, Hanchey Rd, Island Creek Rd, Jimmy Tate Williams Rd, Joe Cavanaugh MHP Ln, Joseph Lanier Ln, Karen Carter Ln, Kelley's Sandhole Ln, Lum Williams Rd, Lura Ln, Mail Route Rd, S NC 41 Hwy, S NC 41 & 50 Hwy, S NC 50 Hwy, N NC 111-903 Hwy, Norris Ln, Northeast Rd, Norwood Blanchard Rd, Norwood Farms Ln, Oak St, S Orange St, Pasture Branch Rd, Quinn Store Rd, Rattlesnake Ln, Rivenbark Town Rd, Rodney Lanier Ln, Sarecta Rd, Stokestown Rd, S US 117 Hwy, Valpariso St, Wagon Ford Rd, Weasel Ln, Winding Creek Ln.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This will be a voluntary elevation program. The finished floors of the residential structures will be elevated above the base flood elevation with freeboard to reduce the impacts of flooding events.

Project Alternatives:

Not taking a mitigation action is an option. The reason for rejecting the No Action Alternative is that doing so will not mitigate any risks. The entire project area would remain in danger from future flood events.

The second alternative is to acquire the structures. These homeowners do not want to abandon their homes or communities, and there are high up-front costs. Therefore, the most effective mitigation action is to elevate the structures in-place from the high-risk area.

Maps of the project areas associated with the grant applications can be reviewed by contacting Elizabeth Stalls at 910-296-2102.

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 Duplin County, Attn: Elizabeth Stalls, P.O. Box 950, Kenansville, NC 28349, or emailed [elizabeth.stalls@duplincountync.com](mailto:elizabeth.stalls@duplincountync.com) by November 28, 2020.

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