

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Southport has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through 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: Town of Southport

Project Title: 160718 - Southport - E. Bay Street Park Damages; PA-04-NC-4568-PW-00219

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Kingsley Park Pier	33.91959	-78.01306	2000

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair of a pier at Kingsley Park, in the Town of Southport. The project is located within a floodplain. Confirmation of location in the floodplain was determined by the Brunswick County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720209600K dated 08/28/2018

The work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the floodplain. The proposed work will take place in designated wetlands, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Town of Southport will repair a pier at Kingsley Park (33.91959, -78.01306); by replacing 16 wood pilings, 497LF of wood girders, 1,490LF of wood decking, galvanized straps and bolts, and 702LF of stainless-steel railing cable.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The Kingsley Park Pier serves as a public place for residents and visitors

to enjoy the Cape Fear River and surrounding areas. The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact publicly available piers in Southport and would have a negative impact upon the wellbeing of residents and visitors if the pier is left as is.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): The proposed action repairs the Kingsley Park Pier to pre-disaster condition, there are no additional impacts to the floodplain. Repairing the pier to pre-disaster condition will restore the functionality of the pier and beneficial recreational use of the floodplain

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. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4568-NC-00219 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