

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission – Enforcement Division 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: NC Wildlife Resources Commission – Enforcement Division

Project Title: [PN 437042] Parking Lot Repairs; PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00106

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education Parking Lot	1401 Fish Hatchery Road, Pisgah Forest, North Carolina 28768	35.28440	-82.79156	Approx. 1998

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair of the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education parking lot, which is located in an A zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Transylvania County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3700856800J dated 10/2/2009 and 3700856700J dated 10/2/2009. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work has the potential to be impacted by flooding in the future but promotes open space use, recreation and educational resources for the community. The proposed work will not take place in wetland per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have no potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission – Enforcement Division will make repairs to the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education parking lot. Repairs that have been completed involve the removal of damaged asphalt surface. Repairs not yet completed involve regrading existing gravel base, replacing the asphalt surface and installing parking space striping. The purpose of this project is to restore access and parking to the wildlife education facility, which will provide open space, recreation and educational resources for the community.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the community. If the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education parking lot was not repaired, parking and access to the wildlife education facility would be lost. As a result, economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2: (Relocation): Relocation is not practicable as this action would result in adverse economic and social impacts to the community. Additionally, the parking lot provides access and parking space to the wildlife education facility, which supports the natural and beneficial values 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-4617-NC-00106 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