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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 projects will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

1. Applicant: Pamlico County, North Carolina

Project Title: Pamlico County Acquisition Project

Location of Proposed Work: The area affected by this project consists of potentially seven (7) properties located on the following streets in Pamlico County: NC HWY 304, Gibbtown Road and Lowland Road, and Marsh Lane.

Maps of the project areas associated with the grant applications can be reviewed by contacting Autumn Hardison at 252.745.4131

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, but not an acceptable one. The reasoning 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 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 structures 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: Pamlico County, North Carolina

Project Title: Pamlico County Elevation Project

Location of Proposed Work: The area affected by this project consists of potentially 114 properties located on the following streets in Pamlico County: Second Lane, Howells Road, Cheryl Drive, NC 304 Hwy, Lowland Road, Blackwell Point Loop Road, Rich Avenue, Spinnaker Point Road N, Pennsylvania Avenue, Trent Road, Silverbrook Road, Chinchilla Drive, NC 304 & 33 Hwy, Whortonsville Road, Alfred Road, Union Street, NC 55 Hwy, Lynchs Beach Loop Road, Myrtlewood Lane, Shine Drive, S First Street, Kennels Beach Road, Murray Lane, Pine Lane, Fulford Point Road, Live Oak Road, S Goose Creek Road, Horne Road, Short Road, Straight Road, River Road, Neuse Street, Half Moon Road, Cowell Road, Janiero Road, Fisher Road, High Street, Beech Lane, Schooner Circle, Alligator Loop Road, First Lane, Griggs Road, Swan Point Road, Bogue Drive, Sandpiper Drive, Mills Road, Oak Lane, Styrontown Beach Road, Falcon Road, Hodges Street, Florence Road, N Dawn Street, Warren Drive, Pamlico Road, Rollo Road, Alfred Road, Tiller Extension, Wynn Drive, Main Street, Ponderosa Drive and Broad Street.

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Proposed Work and Purpose:

This will be a voluntary elevation program. For all property owners who decide to participate in this voluntary program, the properties will be elevated using HMGP grant funds.

Project Alternatives:

Not taking a mitigation action is an option, but not an acceptable one. The reasoning 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 properties. However, the most effective mitigation action is to remove the structures completely from the high-risk area, thereby eliminating any future risk to the structure. These homeowners prefer elevation.

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 Pamlico County, Attn: Mrs. Autumn Hardison, P.O. Box 776, Bayboro, NC 28515 or emailed to pc911@pamlicocounty.org.