

## FINAL 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 for Hurricane Dorian- 4465.

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 12898 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 four (4) properties located on the following streets in Pamlico County: Hobucken School Road in Hobucken, NC; Swan Point Road in Maribel, NC, Pennsylvania Avenue in Vandemere, NC and Lowland Road in Lowland, NC.

Maps of the project areas associated with the grant applications can be reviewed by contacting Mrs. Autumn Hardison at 252.745.4131 or email [pc911@pamlicocounty.org](mailto:pc911@pamlicocounty.org)

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:

The No Action Alternative 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 fifty-seven (57) properties located on the following streets in Pamlico County: Brigantine Boulevard, Broad Street, Broad Street Extension, Cheryl Drive, Falcon Road, First Lane, Fisher Road, Florence Road, Fulford Point Road, Gibbtown Road, High Street, Howells Road, Janiero Road, Ketch Court,

Lowland Road, Lynchs Beach Road, Murray Lane, Myrtlewood Lane, N Water Street, NC HWY 304, NC HWY 304-33, NC HWY 55, Neuse Road, Pamlico Road, Pennsylvania Avenue, Pine Lane, River Road, Rollo Road, Sandpiper Drive, Schooner Circle, Second Lane, Short Road, Silverbrook Road, Straight Road, Stryon Town Beach Road, Swan Point Road, Taylor Neck Road, Tiller Extended, Trent Road, Vandemere Street, Vandemere Road and Whortonsville Road.

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**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The finished floors of the residential structures will be elevated above the base flood elevation with free board to reduce the impacts of flooding events.

**Project Alternatives:**

The No Action Alternative 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.

**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, or emailed to [pc911@pamlicocounty.org](mailto:pc911@pamlicocounty.org) by January 1, 2021.