

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Jones County 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: Jones County

Project Title: PN 69652: Courthouse and Jailhouse, PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01126

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Jones County	101 Market Street, Trenton, NC 28585	35.06316	-77.35337	1867/1935

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair of the Jones County Courthouse and Old Jailhouse in Trenton, NC. All work is located in a Shaded X or Unshaded X Zone or 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Jones County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720449800J, dated 7/2/2004. The proposed 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 Shaded X zone. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Jones County will repair the Jones County Courthouse and Old Jailhouse to their pre-disaster conditions by replacing HVACs, plaster, flooring, ceilings, electrical components, doors, and contents. The buildings have suffered repetitive damage in multiple hurricanes and as such, the county is planning to relocate the judicial and administrative functions to another location outside of the Unshaded X Zone or 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard. The proposed relocation will lower the risk to human health and safety and no adverse impacts to the floodplain should occur. The Jones County Courthouse and Old Jailhouse provide community service in a central location.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in negative economic and social impact in Jones County.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the facilities in kind without relocating any of the critical functions may result in similar damages in future events that present a risk to life and property. If similar damages occur again, it would cause economic and social impacts.

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
3003 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-4393-NC-01126 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