

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Craven 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: Craven County

Project Title: 97121 – CAT E - Craven County Courthouse; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-02065

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Craven County Courthouse and Emergency Operations Center	302 Broad Street New Bern NC 28560	35.10853	-77.03853	1883 and 1983

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair and replacement of interior building components as well as contents and equipment in the Craven County Courthouse and Emergency Operations Center. All work is located in a shaded X zone (0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Craven County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720558000K, dated 06/19/2020. 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:

Craven County will repair and replace interior building components. They will replace fire suppression systems, HVAC unit, drain pumps, two elevators, electrical systems, roll-up doors,

and court documents stored in basements. A hazard mitigation proposal was added to add flood walls for dry flood-proofing and the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing components will be moved to an elevation above the flood level. The main entrance to the facility will be sealed and the new entrance will be located above the old entrance, which can be accessed by the added stair way and a new ADA accessible ramp. Additionally, interior contents, equipment and utility systems will be elevated. The purpose of this project is to restore the function of the Courthouse and Emergency Operations Center in Craven County. These facilities provide emergency and other necessary services for the community.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the interior and exterior components without minimization measures may result in similar damages from future flood events.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): The EOC serves as a central command and control facility within the community to provide emergency operation and can not serve the community without its location in the center of town.

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-02065 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

POSTED ON: (*insert posted date*)

End of Notice