

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Village of Bald Head Island 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:** The Village of Bald Head Island

**Project Title:** Water/Wastewater Plant and associated attached equipment and underground piping

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility and Address	Latitude	Longitude
Bald Head Island Utilities <i>256 Edward Teach Extension, Bald Head Island, NC 28461</i>	33.85765	-77.98331

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for repair and/or replacement of facility components, contents, and equipment, located at Bald Head Island Utilities, damaged as a result of flooding during Hurricane Florence. The project is located in a shaded-X flood zone, which is an area of minimal flood hazard and located within the 500-year flood elevation, and an unshaded-X Flood Zone, which is an area of minimal flood hazard and located above the 500-year flood elevation. Confirmation of the location was determined by the latest Brunswick County Flood Insurance Rate Map panel 3720300400L, dated 8/28/2018. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will not take place in a wetland, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory. The action will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values. Measures have been considered to protect these facilities against future flooding events, as well as minimize the short-term and long-term impacts on the floodplain and wetlands.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The Village of Bald Head Island plans to restore the facility back to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint. The repairs include removing and replacing a generator, interior building components, chain link fencing, and various wastewater treatment components, including underground piping, individual home grinder pumps, and electrical components.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1 (no action alternative):** The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the community. The facility serves as a critical facility performing a critical action for the community. Failure to repair the facility would ultimately result in a negative impact to human health and safety of the community which it serves.

**Alternative #2:** Relocating the facility to a location with a reduced risk of flooding was evaluated. The facility is located in an area of the few minimal flood hazard areas on Bald Head Island. The facility is also dependent on its location in order to function and serve the community. As such, there is no practicable alternative location.

**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](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-01332 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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**End of Notice**