

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources 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:** NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

**Project Title:** 98150 – Mountain Gateway Museum Repairs; PA-04-NC-4412-PW-00154

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Amphitheater	24 Water St. Old Fort, NC, 28762	35.62719	-82.17971	Approximately 1936
North Side Creek Bank	24 Water St. Old Fort, NC, 28762	Start: 35.627396 End: 35.627143	Start: -82.180493 End: -82.179630	Approximately 1936
South Side Creek Bank	24 Water St. Old Fort, NC, 28762	Start: 35.627149 End: 35.627041	Start: -82.179998 End: -82.179699	Approximately 1936

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for the in-kind repairs to the amphitheater foundation, and north and south side creek banks at Mountain Gateway Museum of History, which is located in a Floodway and AE Zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the McDowell County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Numbers: 3710065900J, dated 10/2/2009. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the museum amphitheater and creek bank to be impacted by future flooding events due to their location within the Floodway and AE zone. The proposed work will not take place 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:**

NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources will repair in-kind the Mountain Gateway Museum of History’s amphitheater and creek banks. These repairs are needed by the community to promote open space, and educational areas for the community.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact to the community. If the museum facilities are not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): Relocating the amphitheater and creek banks is not practicable due to their facilitation of open space and educational use for the community. The creek bank is also functionally dependent on Mill Creek.

**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-4412-NC-00154 11988 COMMENT].

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

**POSTED ON:** (*insert posted date: 24 January 2020*)

**End of Notice**