

## **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Carteret Community College has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency (NCEMA) as sub-recipients. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final public notice is hereby given regarding FEMA's intent to provide funding for repairs to the bulkhead, seawall and shoreline under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

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 to 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.

**Applicant:** Carteret Community College

**Project Title:** PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01042/71457 – Bulkheads, Shoreline, Seawall

**Location of Proposed Work:** 34.72247, -76.75720

**Name of Structure:** Carteret Community College Seawall

**Address of Structure:** 201 College Circle Drive, Morehead City, NC 28557

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the repair of the bulkhead, shoreline and seawall located in flood zone AE (1% annual chance flood elevation). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 3720637600J, dated 11/03/2005. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The bulkhead and seawall cannot be moved as they are dependent on their location to perform their function. Without the bulkhead and seawall, the shoreline would have issues with erosion which would in turn affect the buildings on the college campus.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Carteret Community College is requesting reimbursement of funds for the cost of repairing the bulkhead and seawall which is 273ft long and was damaged by three feet of surge water. The repairs will include replacing unclassified fill and hydro seed slurry at the shoreline and bulkhead, repairing a concrete sidewalk along the shoreline, and the recovering and resetting of angular rip rap at the shoreline and shoreline drain outlet. The source of the unclassified fill will come from WF Parker and Company, Inc. (34.75250, -76.91689). The purpose of this project is to make the necessary repairs, so the bulkhead and seawall will not fall into further disrepair. The applicant is also planning to mitigate the project by adding geotextile fabric and bioengineering with sea oats.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): If no action is taken the college will have to use money in the budget to repair the seawall itself. This will tie up funds that could be used in another department or location on campus.

**Alternative #2:** The bulkhead, seawall and shoreline could be returned to their pre-disaster conditions and design without mitigation. This would allow for the seawall and bulkhead to continue performing their intended functions. Although, without the geotextile fabric and bioengineering to help control shoreline erosion, the next big storm could cause the same issues that were caused during Florence. Doing mitigation for this project is feasible and will help prolong the life of the structure.

**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-01042; 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** August 15, 2019

**End of Notice**