

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Nags Head 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:** Town of Nags Head

**Project Title:** 82113- Nags Head Pond Island Bulk Head

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility and Address	Latitude	Longitude
7810 S North Shore Rd, Nags Head, NC, 27959	35.89961	-75.62190

**Coastal High Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for repairs to the wood bulk head located on the edge of Pond Island’s waters off S. North Shore Road. The bulk head is located in a Coastal High Hazard Area Zone VE as mapped on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number 3730070900J with an effective date of 09/20/2006. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The completed work will not take place in a wetland per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory. The actions will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by similar flooding events due to its location within an VE zone.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The Town of Nags Head will utilize contract labor to repair the Pond Island Bulk Head back to its pre-disaster function, and capacity within the existing footprint. The scope of work for this project are to replace wooden bulkhead with 77 ft. of new 4 ft. tall heavy-duty structural vinyl bulkheading.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on The Town of Nags Head. The bulk head is functionally dependent on Pond Island to help in maintaining the island's existing footprint. Without the bulk head in place, the northwestern end of the island would more than likely begin to erode away due to daily wave activity; as well as storm events.

**Alternative #2:** The Town of Nags Head could relocate all of its residents from that parcel of Pond Island. However, that would not be cost effective in regard to what it cost to replace the bulk head that is protecting that area of the Island.

**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-00031 11988 COMMENT].

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

**POSTED ON:** August 20, 2019

**End of Notice**