

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Haywood County Schools 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: Haywood County Schools

Project Title: 437139 – Canton Middle School Baseball and Softball Field Repairs; PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00138

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Canton Middle School Baseball Field	1291 Old River Road, Canton, North Carolina, 28716	35.51823	-82.84904	Approximately 2005
Canton Middle School Softball Field	60 Penland St, Canton, NC 28716	35.52788	-82.84095	Approximately 1931

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for repairs to the Canton Middle School Baseball and Softball fields as well as improvements to the Baseball field storage shed and the Softball field women’s restroom. All work is in an AE Zone (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard) and Floodway. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Haywood County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3700865600J, dated 04/03/2012. 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 Floodway and AE 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:

Haywood County Schools will remove and replace fencing, athletic field mix and turf, electrical components, a wooden storage shed, bleachers, and partition doors for the women's restroom as well as replacing a concrete dugout and an electronic scoreboard. The Canton Middle School Baseball and Softball fields promote open space usage within the surrounding community which preserves the natural and beneficial values served by the floodplain. Minimization measures will be implemented by installing a concrete pad and footings to the wooden storage shed as well as replacing the wooden partition doors in the women's restroom with metal alternatives. As such, the useful life of this structure should increase and no adverse impacts to the floodplain should occur.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Haywood County Schools. If the athletic field damages are not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the athletic field components without minimization measures may result in similar damages from future events. If similar damages occur again, it would cause adverse economic and social impacts.

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
3005 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-4617-NC-00138 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