

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Haywood County Schools 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:** Haywood County Schools

**Project Title:** 671272 – Pisgah Softball Field; PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00123

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Pisgah Softball Field	Pigeon St., Canton, NC 28716	35.52420	-82.84099	1977

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is to make repairs to the Haywood County Schools’ Pisgah Softball Field, which is located in a Floodway (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Haywood County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Numbers: 3700865600J, dated 4/13/2012. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the Pisgah Softball Field buildings to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the Floodway. The proposed work will not take place in or near 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 make repairs to the Pisgah Softball Field within the existing footprint. The work will consist of exterior repairs. Hazard mitigation is being proposed. It will consist of elevating electrical components and changing material for the doors and cabinets and changing a wood floor to a cement floor. These repairs are needed to help restore and continue recreational services to the community and nearby residential areas.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact to the community. If the Pisgah Softball field was not repaired, the community and nearby residential areas would be without recreational services.

**Alternative #2** (relocation): Pisgah Softball field supports open space within the floodplain and relocation is not economically feasible and would also have adverse social impacts to the community.

**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](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4617-NC-00123 11988 COMMENT].

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

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**End of Notice**