

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Forest City 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: Town of Forest City

Project Title: 141099-Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs; PA-04-NC-4543-PW-00002

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Town of Forest City Wastewater Treatment Plant	397 Riverside Dr., Forest City, NC 28043	35.32685	-81.84112	1959

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for restoration of utility building roofing components at the Forest City Wastewater Treatment Plant. All work is located in an Unshaded X zone (0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Rutherford County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3710155800J, dated 07/02/2008. 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 floodplain. 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:

The Town of Forest City has completed repairs to utility building roofing components at the Forest City Wastewater Treatment Plant, using current building codes and construction materials. Repairs included removal and replacement of a 1,500 square foot flat rubber membrane roof system, 124 linear feet of gutters and downspouts, 30 linear feet of gravel stop joints, and 170

linear feet of wall cap and perimeter metal. The purpose of the utility building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is to assist with the daily operations of the plant, and to help achieve to overall mission to serve the community with proper water treatment before releasing it back to the community.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would have ultimately resulted in a negative impact on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. If the roofing was not repaired to the plant utility building, then the Wastewater Treatment Plant would not be able to operate at full capacity.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): There is no practicable alternative location. The facility is a connected utility and it is not practicable to move one piece of the plant complex and realign other components of the plant for functionality. The building's location is necessary to productively operate the plant and serve 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. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4543-NC-00002 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