

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: 141103 - Water Line Damages; PA-04-NC-4543-PW-00047

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Water Line Permanent Replacement	Riverside Dr. Bridge, under Second Broad River	Start: 35.33350 End: 35.33358	-81.83959 -81.83908	1990

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the replacement of a water supply line in the Town of Forest City. The project is located within a Floodway. Confirmation of location in a Floodway was determined by the Rutherford County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3710155800J, dated 7/2/2008. 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 Floodway. The proposed work will not take place in designated wetlands, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Town of Forest City plans to permanently repair a water supply line by removing and replacing damaged sections of 12-inch ductile iron pipe, burying 7 feet below the stream bed in a 3-foot wide trench. The trench will then be backfilled with sand and other natural material and the embankment armored with rip rap, seeded, and planted with live vegetation.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on The Town of Forest City. The water line supplies clean water to the community which is essential for human health and safety.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): The proposed action preserves the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain by facilitating open space use.

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. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4543-NC-00047 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