

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Onslow Water & Sewer Authority 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:** Onslow Water & Sewer Authority

**Project Title:** Countywide sewer and water line repair

**Location of Proposed Work:**

<b>Facility and Address</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
1376 Ramsey Road	34.82642	-77.45377
Queens Creek (vicinity of 831)	34.667624	-77.186393

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for repairs to three Sewer lines which are located in a Floodplain. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the preliminary Onslow County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720436900K, dated 06/30/2016 & 3720425900K, dated 06/30/2016. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be installed within existing bodies of water but will have no effect on the local floodplain. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by similar flooding events due to its location within a Floodplain. As such, measures have been identified to protect these facilities against future flooding events, as well as minimize the short-term and long-term impacts on the floodplain.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Onslow Water & Sewer Authority utilized contracts for Countywide repairs to wastewater sewer lines and water lines at multiple sites. PVC piping was used in the repair of all the projects. All repairs restore the facilities back to their pre- disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint with in-kind materials. A priority of this project is to minimize the impact of floods on human health, safety, or welfare and increase the useful life of the structure or facility.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Onslow County as the sewer and water lines are critical and vital to the welfare of the community.

**Alternative #2:** Relocating the structure outside of the SFHA was evaluated. Onslow County sewer and water lines are critical actions, and it would not be economically feasible to relocate outside of the community and floodplain.

**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-01795 11988 COMMENT].

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

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**End of Notice**