

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Onslow Water and Sewer Authority 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: Onslow Water and Sewer Authority

Project Title: 76417-Highway 17 Aerial Creek Crossing; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01613

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
10in Dia. Ductile iron potable water pipe	Bridge at Highway 17 and Northeast Creek	34.80692	-77.35257	1992

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the functional restoration of the Highway 17 potable water main pipe system. All work is in the AE zone (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Onslow County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720439800K, dated 06/19/2020. 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 AE Zone. The proposed work may take place in or adjacent to a Freshwater Forested Wetland per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory, but will not have potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Onslow Water and Sewer Authority will remove the existing water main pipe and support posts and girders from the stream channel of Northeast Creek. They will replace the water line by a directional bore underneath the stream bed and the water main pipe will be buried. This repair method will increase the useful life of this public utility, restore floodplain natural benefits, and minimize impacts from future flood events. The repairs will provide continued potable water services to the community.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on potable water delivery to citizens of Onslow County. If the potable water main is not repaired, then water delivery services would be interrupted.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the potable water main in-kind may result in similar damages from future events. If similar damages occur again, water delivery services could be interrupted, causing health and welfare 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
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-4393-NC-001613 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