

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Pawleys Island has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) 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 Pawleys Island

Project Title: Project Number 703765 - App Cert - Pawleys Island Access Point Platform PA-04-SC-4677-PW-00123

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Coordinates	Date of Construction
Second St Beach Access Structure	NA	33.437218, -79.116779	1970
Pearce St Beach Access Structure	NA	33.436060, -79.117216	1970

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair and replacement of beach access structures located in the Town of Pawleys Island. The project is located within a VE Flood Zone. Confirmation of location in a Flood Zone was determined by the Georgetown County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number 45049C390G dated 5/09/2023. The completed work conforms to all applicable State of South 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 VE Flood Zone. The completed work did not take place in designated wetlands, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Town of Pawleys Island conducted repairs and replacement at the Second Street Beach Access

Structure by replacing thirty-four (34) Wooden Posts and Pearce Street Beach Access Structure by repairing the approximately 32 FT long x 15 FT wide section of wooden handrail, deck and joist; by replacing wooden parts using stainless steel screws and bolts. All work done by hand without the use of any heavy equipment; restoring this facility to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint. No Mitigation on this project.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Town of Pawleys Island because the beach access structure provides an access point for the beach. The 'no action' alternative would leave the beach access structures damaged and would endanger the health and safety of the public who utilize the facility. Therefore, the 'no action' alternative is not a practicable solution.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): The 'relocation' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Town of Pawleys Island because locating the facility elsewhere isn't a reasonable alternative; parking lots and pathways to facility are already in place at terminus of streets and where not streets there are private homes and businesses and public buildings. The beach crossover is also functionally dependent on it's location in the VE zone.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties 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-4677-SC-00105 11988 COMMENT].

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

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