

# **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 702818 App Cert -Pawley’s Island Dune Repair PA-04-SC-4677-PW-00129

## **Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Coordinates	Date of Construction
Pawley’s Island Beach	NA	Point A (33.432706, -79.119162) to Point B (33.438724, -79.115044)	1900

## **Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for dune repair by sand scraping of Town of Pawley’s Island Beach; utilizing a 336 Caterpillar Excavator, 30 ton off-road truck, and a Caterpillar Bulldozer; restoring this facility to its pre-disaster design, function and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint. No Mitigation on this project. 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 for Site 1-45043C0390G & Site 2-45043C0378G, both 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 dune repair on Pawley's Island Beach by utilizing a 336 Caterpillar Excavator, 30 ton off-road truck, and a Caterpillar Bulldozer; 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 Pawley's Island because not repairing the dunes would have be a hazard to townspeople and visitors. The 'no action' alternative, not repairing the dunes, would leave the town's structures and buildings inland in danger from flooding; also limiting access and endangering the health and safety of the public who utilize the area. Therefore, the 'no action' alternative is not a practicable solution.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): The 'relocation' alternative would not be an option, as the dunes are a geographic landform that can't be relocated and still perform their function, serving to provide protection for structures and buildings inland from flooding. The beach and dunes also functionally dependent on their 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](mailto: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.

**POSTED ON: 6/26/2023**

**End of Notice**