**FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Town of Pawleys Island has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the South Carolina Emergency Management Department (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:** 4677 - Cat G - Town of Pawleys Island

# Location of Proposed Work:

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| Facility | Latitude | Longitude |
| Town of Pawleys Island Beach | Start: 33.43615End: 33.41813 |  Start: -79.11725End: -79.12782 |

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for repairs consisting of restoring sand fencing and storing dune plants. Repairs consist of installing and furnishing 6,000 LF of sand fencing, and 87,000 EA dune plants at Town of Pawleys Island Beach, back to pre-disaster conditions within the existing footprint. All work is located in a VE- Coastal High Hazard Zone (1% annual chance flood elevation with velocity hazard, wave action). Location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Georgetown County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 45043C0367G, dated 05/23/2023. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of South Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within a VE Zone.

# Proposed Work and Purpose:

# The Town of Pawleys Island Beach will repair the following: Sand fence that will be installed to control erosion, 6,000 LF long and 87,000 LF each of dune plants will be installed to control erosion and to serve its intended purpose as to stabilize sand dunes that would minimize impacts to residential structures and recreational space social and economic resources for the community.

# 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 repairing of the sand fence and the replanting of the dune plants would minimize impacts to residential structures that are on the oceanfront, and therefore improve the protection provided by an adequate dune system. Therefore, the “no action” alternative is not practicable solution.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): Relocation of the sand fence and the dune plants is not a feasible alternative because it would have a social, economic, and public safety impact on the community. The Town of Pawleys Island Beach is located within a VE zone. The sand fence and dune plants are essential to the beach and relocating them would prevent them from performing their function. Therefore, this alternative is not a practicable solution.

# 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

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-00045 11988 COMMENT.

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

**POSTED ON: June 20, 2023**

# End of Notice