

# **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 – Beach Signage

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Latitude	Longitude
Town of Pawleys Island Beach	Start: 33.44041	Start: -79.11329
	End: 33.39931	End: -79.13937

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for the replacement of beach signage. The replacements consist of restoring 68 each of “Keep Off dunes” signs, 12in (W) x 18in (H), replacing 68 each of “Keep off dunes” signposts, 60-ft (L) x 4in (W) x 4in thick, replacing 17 each of “Caution submerged rocks” signs, 12in (W) x 18in (H), replacing 6 each of “Caution submerged rocks” signposts 6-ft (L) x 4in (W) x 4in thick. All work is located in a VE- Coastal High Hazard Zone. Location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Georgetown County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 4502550001D & 4502550002D, dated 03/16/1989. 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 replace the following: 68 each of “Keep off Dunes”

signs, 12in (W) x 18in (H), replace 68 each of “Keep off dunes” signposts, 6-ft (L) x 4in thick, replace 17 each of “Caution submerged rocks” signs, 12in (W) x 18in (H), replace 6 each of “Caution submerged rocks” signposts 6-ft (L) x 4in (W) x 4in thick. The purpose of the repairs is to protect human life, assist in reducing impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to reduce potential erosion to sand dunes that could be caused by human traffic.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Town of Pawleys Island Beach because the signage provides advisory to visitors from dangerous areas along the beach, protection wildlife habitat, and protection of sand dunes. Therefore, the repairs are needed to ensure public safety, ensure wildlife habitat protection, and dune protection.

**Alternative #2** (Relocating): Relocation outside of the flood zone is not a practicable alternative because the project site is located within a VE Flood zone, and the beach signage are dependent upon their connection to the beach. Relocating the signs 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 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-00045 11988 COMMENT.

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

**POSTED ON: July 13, 2023**

**End of Notice**