**FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Robeson County Drainage District has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the 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:** Robeson County Drainage District

**Project Title:** [80685] Drainage District #1 Canals; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01678

**Location of Proposed Work:**

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| **Facility**  | **Latitude** | **Longitude** |
| Site A | 34.593079 | -79.020058  |
| Site B | 34.588757 | -79.035942 |
| Site C | 34.588293 | -79.026271 |
| Site D | 34.589615 | -79.031570 |
| Site E | 34.588813 | -79.045679 |
| Site F | 34.589874 | -79.049583 |
| Site G | 34.593658 | -79.062093 |
| Site H | 34.593671 | -79.063004 |
| Site I | 34.595432 | -79.037376 |
| Site J | 34.595554  | -79.036652 |
| Site K | 34.589398 | -79.030148 |
| Site L | 34.590107 | -79.049988 |

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for cleanout and repairs of canals at 12 locations of the Robeson County Drainage District #1. All work conducted will be located in regulatory floodways. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Robeson County Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels 3710938000J and 3710939000J, dated 01/19/2005. 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 similar flooding events due to its location within a floodway. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory indicates the proposed work may occur in or adjacent to a designate wetland; however, the project described in the scope of work will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

# Proposed Work and Purpose:

Robeson County Drainage District will remove sandbars and vegetative debris from the drainage canals and replace the embankment and soil. The purpose of the drainage district is to provide protection to the watershed areas against floods and to minimize the impact of floods on human health, safety, and welfare.

# Project Alternatives:

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the surrounding environment and community. Failure to restore these canals would cause the systems to be operating at a diminished capacity at a watershed level, subjecting the surrounding areas to future flooding and flood related damages.

**Alternative #2** (relocation): The relocation alternative was considered and determined to be not practicable due to drainage canals being functionally dependent on their location.

# 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-01678 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**