

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Myrtle Beach 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 will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: City of Myrtle Beach

Project Title: 4677 - Cat G - App Cert - Beach Drainage Pipes

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Latitude (Start Point)	Longitude (End Point)
City of Myrtle Beach	33.66821, -78.90557	33.74330, -78.81293

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project was for the repairs for the City of Myrtle Beach drainage pipes back to pre-disaster conditions. All work is located in VE- Coastal High Hazard Zones (1% annual chance flood elevation with velocity hazard, wave action). Location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Horry County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 45051C0717K, dated 12/16/2021. The 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 City of Myrtle Beach has repaired the following for each fiber distribution cabinet: Concrete top, one (1) each of concrete top located at, pipe outlet openings, multiple pipe outlet openings, pipe collars, multiple pipe collars, connecting drainage system, damaged due to high winds, storm surge, and flooding caused by Hurricane Ian, 100% work completed.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The 'no action' alternative would have an adverse social, economic, and public safety impact in the community. If the beach pipes were not repaired, the ability to prevent erosion and control flooding would be a hazard to health and safety. Therefore, the “no action” alternative is not practicable solution.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): Relocation of the beach pipes is not a feasible alternative because it would have a social, economic, and public safety impact on the community. It is also not feasible because there is nowhere else to relocate them. 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-00159 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