

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Haywood County Schools has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through 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: Haywood County Schools

Project Title: [550915] Sports Facilities Contents; PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00055

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Tuscola High School	564 Tuscola School Rd, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786	35.52330	-82.95224	1966
Pisgah Football Field	60 Penland Street Canton, NC 28716	35.526879	-82.841176	1942
Pisgah Baseball Field	1291 Old River Road Canton.NC 28716	35.51867	-82.84816	2005
Pisgah Softball Field	1 Black Bear Lane. Canton, NC 28716	35.52410	-82.84101	1977
Canton Baseball Field	1291 Old River Road Canton.NC 28716	35.51844	-82.84906	2005
Canton Softball Field	1291 Old River Road Canton.NC 28716	35.52778	-82.84083	1931

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for replacing sports facilities contents at Tuscola High School, Pisgah Football Field, Pisgah Baseball Field, Pisgah Softball Field, Canton Baseball Field and Canton Softball Field. Work at Pisgah Football Field, Pisgah Baseball Field, Pisgah Softball Field, Canton Baseball

Field, and Canton Softball Field is located in a Flood Zone AE and a Floodway AE (0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Haywood County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3700865600J, dated 4/3/2012. 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 future flooding events due to its location within the Flood Zone AE and Floodway Zone AE. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Haywood County Schools will be replacing softball contents at Tuscola High School, replacing football field components, visitor concession stand contents, home booster room contents, home concession stand contents, Men's/Women's Bathroom Contents at Pisgah Football Field, replacing baseball field contents at Pisgah Baseball Field, replacing softball field contents at Pisgah Softball Field, replacing baseball field contents at Canton Baseball Field and replacing softball field contents at Canton Softball Field. As such, the useful life of these facilities should increase and no adverse impacts to the floodplain should occur.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative could result in a negative impact on Haywood County Schools. If the sports facilities contents are not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): The 'relocation' alternative of moving the sports fields outside of the floodplain/floodway could put financial burden on the city school system.

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-4617-NC-00055 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