# 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:** PN 437142 – Central Haywood High School -PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00143

## **Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Start	End	Date of Construction
Central Haywood High School	3215 Broad St. Clyde, NC 28721	35.53481	-82.91269	1942

#### **Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is to repair the Central Haywood High School to pre-disaster function within the existing footprint. The facility is located in a Floodway zone (1% 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 Numbers: 3700863700J, 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 Floodway and Floodplain zones. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

### **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Haywood County Schools will repair damages to the floors, walls, and doors of Central Haywood High School on Broad Street as well as replace damaged contents. To minimize future flood damages, the Applicant's mitigation proposal consists of changing wooden doors with metal doors (Fire-Rated Gray Left-Hand Flush Steel Pre-Hung Commercial Doors with Welded Frame); and, wood floors will be replaced with terrazzo floors; as well as drywall and baseboard/molding will be replaced with moisture resistant materials.

#### **Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No Action Alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Central Haywood High School, as the facility provides a vital educational service to the community.

**Alternative #2**: (Relocation): Relocating the structure outside of the SFHA was evaluated but is considered not economically feasible. Relocation of the school would also have a negative social impact to the community. There are no available facilities that would serve Central Haywood High School's intended purpose outside of the community and floodplain.

#### **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: <u>FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov</u>. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4617-NC-00143 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**