

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NC Department of Agricultural and Consuming Services has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency (NCEMA) as sub-recipients. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final public notice is hereby given regarding FEMA’s intent to provide funding for the repair and replacements of the roads and culverts under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

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 to 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.

Applicant: NC Department of Agricultural and Consuming Services

Project Title: 79964 – Agric Horticultural Corps Research Station-Culverts

Location of Proposed Work: Cherry Farm

Address of Facilities: See Table

	Description of Work	Latitude	Longitude
Site 1	Remove and replace 1 CMP pipe culvert 48IN x 20FT. Excavate and backfill 25 CY of general fill. HMP added to apply riprap and geotextile fabric to prevent future erosion around the culvert pipe.	35.38698	-78.04847
Site 2	Replace 420 CY of gravel road surface, 840 CY of course aggregate road sub-base, and 1,260 CY silt-gravel road subgrade	35.38533	-78.04328
Site 3	Replace 70 CY gravel road surface, and 70 CY course aggregate sub base	35.39763	-78.03726
Site 4	Replace 134 CY of gravel road surface	35.37900	-78.04356
Site 5	Replace 124 CY sandy-clay road surface	35.36758	-78.05002
Site 6	Remove 2,335 CY of sedimentation/siltation from swale surrounding test site.	35.36585	-78.04870

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the repair of roads and culverts located in flood zone AE (1% annual chance flood elevation) and Floodway (the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 3729258800K, dated 06/20/2018. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work takes place on existing roads and will have no additional effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work has the potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA. The roads cannot be moved as it is not economically feasible.

Proposed Work and Purpose: NC Department of Agricultural and Consuming Services is requesting reimbursement of funds for the cost of repairing and replacing gravel, sedimentation, and culvert pipes as well as to add riprap and geotextile fabric to Site 1, to prevent future erosion around the culvert pipes. The purpose of this project is to restore function of these roads and culverts to ensure safe navigation throughout the Cherry Farm agricultural research facility.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken, navigation through the research facility will be difficult, unsafe and would negatively impact or cease research occurring at the Cherry Farm facility.

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-01159 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due within 30 days of this notice.

POSTED ON: (*insert posted date*)

End of Notice