

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Monroe 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: City of Monroe

Project Title: PN 71667: Lake Lee Dam; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-00931

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Lake Lee Dam	1680 Pageland Highway, Monroe, NC 28111	34.96561	-80.51108	1927

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair of to the Lake Lee Dam and debris catcher. All work is located in an AE zone or 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Union County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3710544400J, dated 10/16/2008. 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 AE zone. 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:

The City of Monroe will repair the Lake Lee Dam by replacing the cypress flashboards at the top of the dam and replacing the debris catcher system. The flashboards were repaired to pre-disaster conditions to minimize damages in flood events. The debris catcher was redesigned and upgraded to direct debris away from the top of the dam thus minimizing future flood damage. The Lake Lee Dam provides both a source of water and a place of recreation for the City of Monroe.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): Taking no action would result in a negative impact to the dam and community, as it would remain at risk to further damages in future events. If the damages are not repaired, then future flooding may impact human life, safety and property.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): Relocating the facility is not practicable as the dam is functionally dependent on its location in the floodplain and provides water and recreation for the community.

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-00931 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