**FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Pink Hill has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the 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:** Town of Pink Hill

**Project Title:** E. Lynwood Avenue Culvert

# Location of Proposed Work:

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| Facility and Address | Latitude | Longitude | Date of Construction |
| 210 E Lynwood AvenuePink Hill, North Carolina 28572Lenoir County | 35.05946 | -77.74260 | Exact construction date unknown, not listed in the NRHP |

**Riverine Wetland:** The Town of Pink Hill intends to repair 20 LF of culvert piping that was damaged during Hurricane Florence. The culvert is located in a Riverine Wetland (R4SBCx) per the National Wetlands Inventory dated 05/05/2019. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. This action has the potential to affect adjacent wetlands. The proposed scope of work will allow the riverine to flow along a more natural path. Furthermore, construction activities and equipment storage will not be located in the wetland. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by similar flooding events due to its location within a riverine wetland.

# Proposed Work and Purpose:

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# The Town of Pink Hill intends to repair 20 LF of culvert pipeline with changes to the design and function. The town will replace and elevate the damaged 30 IN culvert with 50 LF of new piping. The intention of the work and elevation is to ensure that the pipe can convey its intended volume of stormwater during rain events and mitigate it against damages from future flooding. A Hydraulic & Hydrology Study was conducted by the Town of Pink Hill, which determined there would be no upstream or downstream impacts to the floodplain or riverine wetland associated with the intended repairs. The town also plans to remove and replace: 14 LF of headwall; 14 LF of endwall; 50 LF of silt fencing; 35 SY of riprap; 65 SY of asphalt patching; and 100 CY of backfill.

# Project Alternatives:

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Pink Hill community. If the damaged pipe is not replaced, this leaves the Lynwood Avenue area prone to flood loss and secondary damages during future flooding events. Therefore, the ‘no action’ alternative could result in adverse impacts to nearby communities.

**Alternative #2** (alternate locations): Alternate locations were not considered as relocating the entire road system is both cost prohibitive and detrimental to 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-00674 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** (*insert posted date*)

# End of Notice