**FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Maxton 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:** Town of Maxton

**Project Title:** 81870 - App Cert - Sewer System Damages; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-02213

# Location of Proposed Work:

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| Facility | Address | Latitude | Longitude | Date of Construction |
| Lift Station #2 | Red Springs Road, Maxton, North Carolina | 34.773713 | -79.329127 | Approximately 1990 |

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for the repairing of The Town of Maxton’s Lift Station #2. 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 Robeson County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3710930700M; dated 12/06/2019. 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 an AE zone. The proposed work will take place adjacent to wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (PFO1B Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland). Lift Station #2 has existed since 1990, precluding it being in a wetland.

# Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Town of Maxton repaired Lift Station #2 to make it functional after Hurricane Florence. This allowed for the continuation of movement of wastewater from lower to higher elevation in the general area. The repairs were made to restore this facility to current codes and standards with updated construction practices. As such, the useful life of this structure should increase and no adverse impacts to the floodplain should occur.

# Project Alternatives:

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Town of Maxton. If the Lift Station #2 was not repaired, the stoppage of the movement of wastewater from lower to higher elevation in the general area could cause social and health concerns.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation):Relocation of the Town of Maxton’s Lift Station #2 would not be economically feasible. Lift Station #2 must be located in this specific location to serve its purpose and must be located within low-lying areas to function correctly to move wastewater from lower to higher elevation.

# 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-02213 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