

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Orange Beach has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) as a sub-grantee.

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: Orange Beach, City of

Project Title: PA-04-AL-4563-PW-00276

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Perdido Pass Park	27555 Perdido Beach Blvd. Orange Beach, AL 36561	30.27856	-87.55466	2016

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the replacement of elements of Perdido Pass Park. All work is located in an AE-12 zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Baldwin County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 01003C0968M, dated 04/18/2019. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the shaded AE-12 zone. The proposed work will also take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory but will have little potential to impact or affect wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

City of Orange Beach, Baldwin County, PN181334, Category G, 0% complete. (Start 30.27856, -87.55466 – Finish 30.27730, -87.55519) The applicant will utilize contract and/or force accounts for repairs to Perdido Pass to restore this facility back to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint: 930LF of Boardwalk; 3 park benches; 22LF of retaining wall; Irrigation system; Electrical System; Bait Cutting Boards; Embankment washout; Pile Caps; Trash Receptacles. 217 LF of curb and gutter. 2,170 SF of asphalt. Work 0% Completed. This is a better system and will assist in lessening future re-occurrence of damage.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the residence of the City of Orange Beach. If these repairs are not made, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Repair with best construction practices) We plan to utilize landscape contours and arrange plantings in a way to mitigate erosion/wash out the best we can. We plan to orient decking and structural elements in such a way to maximize the strength and rigidity of those materials. We plan to increase the depth of electrical and irrigation infrastructure to hopefully avoid future exposure. We are considering making certain features such as bait tables, trash receptacles and benches removable for larger storm events. This is a better system and will assist in lessening future re-occurrence of damage.

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-4563-AL-00276 11988 COMMENT].

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

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End of Notice