

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Orange Beach has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management (AEM) 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-432

**Location of Proposed Work:** Wind and Water Learning Center Pier

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Pier	26233 Canal Road Orange Beach, AL 36561	30.29417	-87.57682	2004

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the replacement of building components and structures. All work is located in an AE zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the City of Orange Beach Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 01003C0962M dated 04/19/2019. 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 zone. The proposed work will take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and but will have no potential to impact or affect wetlands.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Orange Beach, City of Baldwin County (Cat G) (181336) (30.29417, -87.57682) Work to be Completed  
The applicant will utilize contract and (or) force account for repairs to Wind and Water Learning Center Pier to restore this facility back to its pre-disaster design, function and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint. The applicant will repair the facility by replacing 960 SF marine-grade HDPE decking material, 960 SF of treated lumber for joist & beam framing, 14 CY of sand, 55 LF wooden bulkhead cap, 280 LF electrical conduit, 120 LF waterline, and 1 sub panel circuit board.

## **Project Alternatives:**

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

**Alternative #2** (Repair with best construction practices) Using adopted best construction practices sub-grantee will repair the structure to pre-disaster function and capacity. The applicant will replace all decking with Sure-step decking and repair the washed-out embankment with clean sand. Repairs will return the facility to pre-disaster recreational standards.

## **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](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4563-AL-00432 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**