

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

North Carolina United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries, Inc 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: North Carolina United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries, Inc

Project Title: 75857 – Camp Wide Buildings & Contents; PA-04-NC-4393-PW-02483

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Don Lee Camp & Retreat Center	315 Camp Don Lee Road, Arapahoe, NC 28510	34.973894	-76.793647	1949

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair, replacement, improvement, and removal of multiple buildings at Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center. All work is located in an Unshaded X, Shaded X (0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard) or AE Zone (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Pamlico County Pending Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720646400K, dated 06/19/2020. 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 and Unshaded X Zones. 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 NC United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries will make repairs and/or replacements to multiple structures at the Don Lee Camp & Retreat Center as well as implementing both Improved and Alternative Projects for facility improvements to restore these facilities back to pre-disaster function. Minimization measures will include relocating buildings outside of the AE Zone floodplain and elevating them above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). All repairs to damaged buildings will be made utilizing best construction practices. The Nature Hut will be removed with the funding for the Nature Hut used to improve Cabins 2, 5, & 6 as an Improved/Alternative Project. The Sail Loft will be removed to build an attachment to the existing Sailing Center as an Alternative Project. The Relocation of buildings outside of the AE Zone as well as improving structures will increase the useful life of Camp Don Lee and its associated facilities while restoring and maintaining the beneficial values provided by floodplains. Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center also promotes open space usage by providing recreation and education within the surrounding community.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center. If the camp buildings are not repaired, then adverse economic, cultural, and social impacts may occur from not being able to use the camp due to lack of safety.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the camp buildings without minimization measures may result in similar damages from future events. If similar damages occur again, it will cause adverse economic, cultural, and social impacts.

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
3005 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-02483 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

POSTED ON: *(insert posted date)*

End of Notice