

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Walnut Creek has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency (NCEMA) as sub-recipients.

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 to 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.

Applicant: Village of Walnut Creek

Project Title: PW-553 / 73645 - Parks, Recreational Facilities - Footbridge wit

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Starting Latitude, Longitude	Ending Latitude, Longitude
Village of Walnut Creek Pedestrian Foot Bridge	35.30276, -77.86324	35.302687, -77.863195

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone (SFHA): This project is for the repair of a facility located in an AE regulatory flood zone. Confirmation of location in a Flood Zone was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 3720353600K, dated 6/20/2018. The proposed work conforms to all applicable North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be repair to pre-disaster conditions. The proposed work will take place in wetland classifications PFO1C (Forested / Shrub Wetland) per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory. The actions will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Village of Walnut Creek is requesting funds to repair a pedestrian foot bridge in the village park. The applicant plans on repairing a 40-foot-long by 6 feet wide anchored wooden pedestrian foot bridge on the Walnut Creek Nature Trail and Park at 35.302809, -77.863193. The applicant will also carry out hazard mitigation measures consisting of the construction of a concrete 10' x 3' abutment on both sides of the foot bridge to stabilize and prevent future wash out.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken to repair this facility, the bridge would not be restored to pre-disaster conditions which would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community.

Alternative #2 (Repair pedestrian bridge without mitigation measures): If the bridge was repaired without the addition of the mitigation measures, the likelihood that the bridge would be damaged in a future flood event would remain the same, which would not allow the people full use of the park and have an adverse impact on the social resources of 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 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

POSTED ON: (*insert posted date*)

End of Notice