

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Mobile has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) 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: City of Mobile

Project Title: 170028 - City of Mobiles Buildings - Helen Wood Park; PA-04-AL-4573-PW-00207

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Helen Wood Park boardwalk	4614 Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, AL 36605	30.57017 to 30.56955	-88.08519 to -88.08552	2019

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the replacement of a guard rail and deck planking on a boardwalk in the City of Mobile. The project is located within a VE Zone. Confirmation of location in a Coastal High Hazard Area was determined by the Mobile County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number 01097C0679L, dated 6/5/2020. 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 Coastal High Hazard Area. The proposed work will not take place in designated wetlands, but is located adjacent to designated wetlands, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

City of Mobile plans to repair the Helen Wood Park boardwalk using best construction practices, replacing 275 LF of wooden deck guard rail and 2,750 SF of wooden deck planking. As a condition of the FEMA grant, the City of Mobile will be required to consider measures to minimize future storm impacts to the facility when preparing their reconstruction plan. The purpose of this action is to restore the facility to pre-disaster condition for recreational use by the community of Mobile and tourists.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the City of Mobile. The boardwalk at Helen Wood Park is recreationally used by the community and tourists for fishing and access to the Mobile Bay.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): The Helen Wood Park boardwalk is functionally dependent on its existing location and could not serve its intended purpose if relocated.

Alternative #3 (Repair in-kind): The facility facilitates open space use and repairing it in-kind will restore the beneficial value of recreational use of the floodplain.

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-4573-AL-00207 11988 COMMENT].

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

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