

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Town of Haw River DI#1861446. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program.

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. - Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives - and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

This notice serves as a project-specific notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the proposed scope of work. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program.

Applicant: Town of Haw River

Project Title(s): Back Creek Easement Sites 1 and 2

Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Site Names	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Back Creek Easement site 1	36.09145, -79.33381	#3710980500K,
Back Creek Easement site 2	36.08940, -79.33350	Date: 11/17/2017

The effective FIRM Panel date is **11/17/2017**, and the site is located within a **Zone AE Floodway** mapped floodplain, with the site **is** also located within or adjacent to wetlands (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wetlands Mapper):
<https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Town of Haw River proposes to repair two sections of easements along Back Creek. The applicant will utilize contract and/or force account for repair, to restore these sites to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity(in-kind) within the existing footprint, by replacing Rip Rap Class I Rock(for low water crossing), 60 FT long x 25 FT wide x 18 IN. Deep at sites 1 and 2.

The purpose of this action is to restore the sites to reestablish safe and reliable access, reduce erosion, and protect the creek banks from further damage during future storm events.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) **(No Action)** No repairs would result in continued erosion, access across the low-water crossings would remain impaired, and the potential for additional damage to the creek banks and surrounding areas would increase during future storm events.
- (2) **(Relocation)** This alternative would not be economically feasible. The site is part of an established access system necessary for maintenance and operational needs.

Comments: This notice will serve as both the initial and final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA Program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be submitted in writing or via email with the subject line: "**Back Creek Easements Sites 1 and 2, DI#1861446**", to the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026