

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the Town of Hot Spring due to damages as a result of Hurricane Helene (DR-4827-NC). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice for Hurricane Helene (DR-4827-NC) was published on 10/05/2024. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding of an action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to repair this facility at its original location within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) because the facility provides access to existing structures in the floodway.

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 (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Town of Hot Springs
- Project Title(s):** Hot Springs Street, sidewalk, and bridge.
PA-04-NC-4827-PW-00680 (GM PN 800992)
- Location of Proposed Work:** 186 Bridge Street, Hot Springs, North Carolina 28743
GPS: 35.894598, -82.827498
- Floodplain/Wetlands:** Project is located in an AE Zone, per Madison County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel Number 3700886000J, dated 6/02/2009. The proposed work will 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 Town of Hot Springs proposes to repair Red Bridge on 186 Bridge St., to restore it to its pre-disaster conditions, within the existing footprint. Work will consist of repairing Red Bridge by replacing guard rails, torsion rods, a deck, and a curb. The purpose of the work is to restore access to the bridge and allow for community members to utilize the bridge in a safe manner.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative, as required by Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations and has determined it is impracticable as the facility serves the community by providing access to homes and recreational opportunities in its current location. The no action alternative would adversely impact the community because the Red Bridge allows a path for community members to cross Spring Creek. No alternative locations are practicable because the road is necessary in this location to serve the community.
- Comments:** This will serve as the 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 sent in writing with the subject line, "NC-4827-PW-00680 PN 800992

Red Bridge 186 Bridge St." at the above address 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 15th DAY OF April 2025

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